

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 3, 2022**

**At the \*, please stand, if you are able.**

**Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices, are available**

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**"Voluntary"**

**Selby**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLoQVcsb86g>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"America The Beautiful"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGKgwB734P4>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name!  
Tell the world how glorious he is.

**All:** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Your enemies cringe before your  
mighty power. Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises,  
shouting your name in glorious songs."

LEADER: Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs  
for people! He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on  
foot. There we rejoiced in him.

**All:** For by his great power he rules forever. He watches every movement of the  
nations; let no rebel rise in defiance.

LEADER: Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing his praises.

Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling. (Ps. 66:1-9, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of Glory and Might, we rejoice in your peace and in your love. It is you who feeds  
us with true manna from above. We delight in your overflowing abundance. Thank you!  
Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN**

**"My Country 'Tis of Thee"**

**Blue Hymnal #561**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN2I6vdzgtS>

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Glory, forgive us when we do not rejoice with peace, when we refuse to be glad with peace or when we complain and take matters into our own hands. We abandon the deep drinking of peace and instead we make war. Let us come to our senses and remember that you have a river of peace and prosperity where the wealth of the nations flow into it. Come, forgive us as we repent, and wipe away our foolishness and replace it with your divine peace, which passes all understanding, and comfort us as a mother comforts her child. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News, because God is love, beloved, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Amen!

### **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**Blue Hymnal #579**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-ZS4jUy2Dc>

### **\* SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (from your seat please).

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

To God Be the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OKfmvSswiU>

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God of Glory, attune our hearts and minds to your Word by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as we listen to the Scriptures read and your Word proclaimed, allow us to hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Kings 5:1-14**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Kings+5%3A1-14&version=NIV>

### **PSALM READING**

**Psalm 30**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+30&version=NIV>

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORsNiReoCsw>

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Galatians 6:7-16**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+6%3A7-16&version=NIV>

**GOSPEL READING****Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A1-11%2C+16-20&version=NIV>

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

***"El Ha-Kavod, God of Glory"***  
**Psalm 29:3-4**

**Dr. Carlos Baladez**

"The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic."

Do you like the rain? Do you enjoy a great lighting show? Does lighting frighten you or does it awe you? Or both? Are you amazed at how quickly lighting travels and how it brightens up the sky?

How about thunder? Have you ever counted the seconds between the time you see the lightning and hear the thunder? It has been said, the closer the lighting strike the faster you will hear the thunder.

As a child, we would sing the hymn "How great thou art" in the song there is a line that states, "I hear the rolling thunder." In my childhood, I never quite understood this part of the song. It was not until I became an adult that I paid attention to the sound of thunder and understood this phrase. I witness the echo of the thunder as the sound waves shook the house and I noticed how the sound of thunder actually seemed to roll across the sky. I could image the sound waves traveling across the sky much akin to the waves of the ocean rolling across atop of the sea.

As I read today's sermon's scripture I was captured by the number of times the term "voice" is mentioned in these two verses. "Voice" is mentioned three times. In these three moments, we learn three things from the psalmist about the voice of God. First, it is over many waters. Second, it is powerful. And third, it is full of majesty.

The first two descriptions take us back to the creation in Genesis 1 where we see God speak over the waters that moved upon the deep. The second description tells us that God's voice is power. This text gives witness to God's voice, for Genesis tells us, "God said..." and then like thunder appearing after the lighting we read "and it was so." Lighting first and then the thunder. God speaks first and then creation appears.

And that's not all. The third statement tells us that God's voice is full of majesty.

Usually, we can only hear the sound of one speaking. But in God's case, we can see what his voice looks like. As we see the sky above and the waters below, the trees, the

flowers, the sea creatures, the land animals, us and our fellow human beings we can indeed see that God's voice is majestic. It is full of splendor, honor, and glory as the ornaments of his voice fill creation on the earth and beyond.

The term Glory means weight. How an appropriate term to describe God's glory, weight. God has weight. His weight pushes things around and removes obstacles. His weight pushed the darkness out and the light was called in. He pushed emptiness out and filled the earth filled with his glory. His weight even made room for God to create creatures, male and female, in his likeness and in his image right out of the dust of the earth.

The beauty, majesty, and splendor of his voice surround us each and every day. For God spoke and it became just as He said. Exactly as he said!

This God of glory thunders. I would not be surprised to know that God's glory thunders because this God of glory lights up the sky with lightning. The Psalmist stated "The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory. (Ps. 97:1-6, NIV).

Our God has so much glory, so much weight, that he was able to remove our sin from us and place it on Jesus Christ. This God of Glorious weight judged sin, forgave us of our sin, raised Jesus from the dead, had him ascend back to heaven, where he was enthroned at the right hand of the Father above, and was given a name that is above every name.

We were also given an assurance of his return to take us home where we belong. We belong to God and with God. Our God of glory, our weighty God has brought it about, is bringing it about, and will bring it about because he has the weight to accomplish what his word has spoken. Glory!

To God be the honor, glory, and praise, now and forevermore. Amen.

\* **HYMN**                    **"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**    **Blue Hymnal #326**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymKxTkrRNBA>

### **Respond in Love and Service**

\* **This we believe**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. We will say of the Lord, "He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust." Surely he will save us from the fowler's snare and from the deadly

pestilence. He will cover us with his feathers, and under his wings we will find refuge; his faithfulness will be our shield and rampart. With long life He will satisfy us and show us his salvation. Amen. (Adapted from Ps. 91, NIV)

### **PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION**

God of glory, we intercede for the day ahead and its tasks.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of glory, we intercede for the world and its needs.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of glory, we intercede for the Church and her life.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of glory, we intercede for your royal priesthood and for the empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of glory, we intercede for those waiting on you, that they may find renewal in your mercy and grace.

God of glory, we intercede for all those struggling with broken relationships so that they may find healing in your presence.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**\*HYMN FOR OUR NATION "Heal Our Land" Red Hymnal #800**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm\\_rA54EGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw)

### **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Please, continue to support the life and work of Crestholme. You can mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to...

CPC  
PO Box 23919.  
SA TX 78223-0901

Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again. Thank you!

**\* DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal # 592**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of Glory, we bring our offerings to you giving back to you from the bonanza of abundant blessings you have given us. Accept our gifts, O Lord our God. Blessing and

glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power and strength, be unto you our Lord forever and ever through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **\*COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **\*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

## **CHORAL AMEN**

**Choir**

### **Words of Institution**

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **Sharing of the Elements**

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen (Take the bread and eat)

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen (Drink the cup)

### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" Blue Bk #508**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYHewXBvLvs>

**\* BENEDICTION**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. The God of Glory goes with you. Amen.

**The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service**

**Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!**

