

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
8th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31, 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:** "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" **G. Bohm**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZmxBauWg0M>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "Come Away From Rush and Hurry" **Choir**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vuocb\\_ulr94](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vuocb_ulr94)

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** 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.

**All:** Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**LEADER:** 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.

**All:** All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—worship him, all you gods!

**LEADER:** Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

**All:** Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

(Based on Ps. 97, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Great and Awesome God, we gather here in your presence today in response to your love, mercy, and grace. We have one purpose in mind, and that is to worship you for who you are, praise you for what you have created, and thank you for what you have given us in Jesus Christ, your Holy Son, amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" Blue Bk #477**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvnlQ15og3M>

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles. Forgive us Lord when we participate in these behaviors. We repent and ask you for forgiveness. Treat us according to your loving kindness and not according to our sin. In your mercy, we pray, amen.

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

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

**\* GLORIA PATRI** **Blue Hymnal #579**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

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

One: Peace 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**

Awesome God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBwySL9EzZM>

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God of Love and Light, in your Love, allow our hearts and mind to be open and sensitive to what your Holy Spirit wishes to reveal to us today as we read your Holy Word. Thank you! Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** **Ephesians 5**  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ephesians+5&version=NIV>

**CHORAL ANTHEM** **"Kum ba Yah"** **Choir**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlGyu7l3KcU>

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** **Ephesians 6**  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ephesians+6&version=NIV>

**SERMON** **"El Gadol Ve-Nora, Great and Awesome God"** **Dr. Carlos Baladez**  
**Deuteronomy 7:21**

“Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God.” (NIV)

Have you ever been “in the middle of a jam?” Has anyone ever told you, “wow, you’ve gotten yourself into quite a pickle there!” Do you remember the old South West Airline commercial with the tagline, “South West, take me away?”

Well, you’re not the first one nor will you be the last.

Remember Goldilocks and the three bears? Goldilocks rummaged around the house. She sat in the occupant’s chairs, ate their porridge, and took a nap in their beds. All was fine until... remember? Yes! Until the bears returned home.

How long did it take for Jack in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk to hear the giant’s voice saying, “Fee Fi Fo Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman. Be he alive or be he dead, I’ll grind his bones to make my bread!” Yikes!

We were also told stories of help coming from the least and the smallest. Remember the lion, the king of the jungle caught in the hunter’s net laughing at the little mouse who volunteered to help? Yes, the little mouse chewed through the ropes and set him free.

Life’s jams seem to come at times when we can least expect them and when we cannot afford to lose any time.

Once, late one evening, I was on my way to Austin to visit my son. Normally, the trip is about one hour. On this particular occasion, I drank plenty of tea to keep myself awake. I was delayed four hours due to a traffic accident. All of us on the highway came to a complete stop for these four hours. I was in the middle of a huge traffic jam. Nowhere to move for hours. And do you know what? There is no bathroom in the middle of the highway!

In today’s passage the Israelites we’re in the middle of a jam themselves. They were in the middle of moving from Egypt to the Promised Land. They were in the middle of the desert. And soon, they were going to be in the middle of a war in the enemy’s camp. In the middle of false gods, and false worship practices. They were in the middle of a seismic change. In the middle of all this, God speaks to his people saying, “You may say to yourselves, “These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?” But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm, with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear. Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished.”

Yes, God tells them not to worry, not to fear, or fret, why? Because the great and awesome God was in the middle of their matter. They, the Israelites had God's presence in the midst of them.

Where do you find yourself today? Are you in the middle of something? Illness? Financial troubles? Family woes? No matter what that middle may be or where that middle may be, fear not, and fret not for the Great and Awesome Lord is in your midst. And you are in the middle of God, and in the middle of his people, his family, and his friends who will support and love you and accompany you to get safely to the other side.

The same Loving, Faithful, Great and Awesome God that delivered the Israelites is the same Great and Awesome God that delivers you today!

He will not leave you nor forsake you. He is the Awesome, Fearfully, and Faithful One. Remember, He sticks closer to you than a brother. Keep your eyes focused on him recalling his faithful and tried Word to you, "In him, you live, and move, and have your being." Alleluia! Amen.

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

\* **HYMN**                                      **"O Word of God Incarnate"**                                      **Blue Hymnal #327**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRpN6E2Hjcs>

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

\* **This we believe**

We believe that Jesus prayed in this manner: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." Amen. (Based on John 17:20-26, NIV)

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for the day and its tasks.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for the world, its governments, and its needs.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for the Church and her work and her life.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for the social services.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for all who work in the criminal justice systems around the world.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for victims and perpetrators of crime.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for the work of aid agencies around the globe.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for those living in poverty or under oppression.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Great and Awesome God, we intercede for all people involved in the horrific practice of human trafficking.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

**Amen.**

**\*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)

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

"Our Father which 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**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=976gBjKgEjY>

### **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=HqpXWF15avU>

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
Great and Awesome God, to you we bring ourselves and these gifts in response to your love for us. Bless us, and these gifts and use them for thy kingdom's sake. Amen.

\* **CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" Blue Hymnal #366**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDUctNubasA>

\* **BENEDICTION**  
Crestholme, your Great and Awesome God, has made the impossible possible in and through Jesus Christ. In him, you live and move and have your being. Go, therefore in the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit and share the Good News with those you encounter, planting the seeds of hope in their hearts in order that they too may come to know and to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that they too may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Amen.

\* **POSTLUDE**

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

**Next Sunday, Dr. Baladez will continue with our sermon series, "Knowing God by Name."**

## Weekly Calendar

TBD	TBD	Food Pantry
TBD	TBD	Clothes Closet
Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service

Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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### Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers

#### Session

<u>Class of 2022</u> Irene Thomas	<u>Class of 2023</u> Katie Lamb	<u>Class of 2024</u> Netsy Williamson
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Steve Tovar  
Clerk of the Session: Dick Crist  
Church Treasurer: Fred Archer

#### Trustees

<u>Class of 2022</u> Fred Archer	<u>Class of 2023</u> Tommy Rudwick	<u>Class of 2024</u> Penny Christoff
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### Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

Stated Supply Minister	Vacant
Pulpit Supply Preachers	Dr. Carlos Baladez
	Elder Fred Archer
Choir Director	Robin Bernhard
Organist	Cathie Owen
Secretary/Coordinator	Vacant

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Membership in the Presbyterian Church is open to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Every member and officer will be more than happy to visit with you about salvation by faith in Jesus and membership at Crestholme.

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