

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 07, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Kyrie" **Couperin**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jFPHdacd_0

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Now To Your Table Spread" Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvpFvOLz8Q8>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

All: No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

LEADER: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in YOU. (Based on Ps. 33:12-22, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

God of our Praise, we lift up your name once again. Because we know that you inhabit the praises of your people, and you dwell among the humble we make room for you to rest within the inn. Welcome, Almighty God. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty" Blue Bk #482**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxZKjro8hS4>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God of our praise, you are the Mighty One, God, the LORD, who speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, you O God shine forth. You are our God who comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before you, and around you a tempest rages. You summon the heavens above, and the earth, that you may judge your people: You speak and say, "Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." And the heavens proclaim your righteousness, for you are a God of justice. Forgive us our sins, our iniquities, and our transgressions. In your love, have mercy on us as we respond in repentance to your great love for us in Jesus Christ. 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).

AFFIRMATION TO ONE ANOTHER: You are loved, and you are valued!

INTERNALIZING AFFIRMATION TO SELF: I am loved, and I am valued!

Children's Time

King of King's

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uchgpA_I-h4

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of our Praise, fill us once again with your Holy Spirits and let our spirits come alive at the reading of your Word that we may experience your divine love within us once again. Open our mouths and they will praise you. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-28

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%201%3A1-28&version=ESV>

WISDOM LITERATURE I

Proverb 1:1-19

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverb+1%3A1-19&version=ESV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6Xhrxw4Cis>

GOSPEL**John 1:29-51**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A29-51&version=ESV>**WISDOM LITERATURE II****Proverb 1:20-33**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverb+1%3A20-33&version=ESV>

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God**SERMON****"Elohey Tehillati, God of My Praise"****Dr. Carlos Baladez****Deuteronomy 10:21**

"He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen." (NIV)

God of our praise. Does this name mean that God is the ruler of our praise or the object of our praise? Does God direct our praise or does he merely receive our praise? Or both?

God, being who he is, influences our praise and receives our praise. He is both the Alpha and the Omega. His nature determines and frames our praise. Think of it like this. The temperature of a steel plate determines or influences our response. A steel plate at room temperature is not going to elicit the same reaction or response from us as if that same plate was piping hot or freezing cold.

Likewise, God. His love saturates our natures and crafts within us an overwhelming response which we call praise. Let's look at some biblical examples. Abraham left his ancestral home and set off to look for a city whose foundation was God. Moses, took off his shoes and dared not look at the presence of God shining in the burning bush. David took off his clothes and danced wildly bringing the Ark of the Covenant back home to its rightful place.

Listen to Hannah's praise after being taunted for being barren and then given the promise that she would bear a son. "My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. There is no one holy like the Lord, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. Do not go on boasting so very proudly, Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the Lord is a God of knowledge, And with Him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken to pieces, But those who have stumbled strap on strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, But those who were hungry cease to be hungry. Even the infertile woman gives birth to seven, But she who has many children languishes. The Lord puts to death and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and brings up. The Lord makes poor and rich; He humbles, He also exalts. He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the garbage heap To seat them with nobles, And He gives them a seat of honor as an inheritance; For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, And He set the world on them.

He watches over the feet of His godly ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; For not by might shall a person prevail. Those who contend with the Lord will be terrified; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; And He will give strength to His king, And will exalt the horn of His anointed." I Samuel 2:1-10, (NIV)

Elizabeth in turn praises God in the following manner while she was caring her son, John the Baptizer, in her old age, "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! And [b]how has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord would come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed *is* she who [c]believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her [d]by the Lord." Luke 1:41-45 NIV

While Mary, the mother of Jesus, in her Magnificent express her Praise to God in the following way, "My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond-servant; For behold, from now *on* all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name. And His mercy is to generation after generation Toward those who fear Him. He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, And sent the rich away empty-handed. He has given help to His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, Just as He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his descendants forever." Luke 1:46-55

Simeon's praise comes towards the end of his life when holding Jesus in his very own hands. Scripture reports the following, "There was a man in Jerusalem by the name of Simeon. He was a good man and very religious. He was looking for the time when the Jewish nation would be saved. The Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit made it known to Simeon that he would not die before he had seen God's Chosen One. He came to the house of God being led by the Holy Spirit. The parents took Jesus to the house of God. They came to do what the Law said must be done. Then Simeon took Jesus in his arms. He gave honor to Him and thanked God, saying, "Lord, now let me die in peace, as You have said. My eyes have seen the One Who will save men from the punishment of their sins. You have made Him ready in the sight of all nations. He will be a light to shine on the people who are not Jews. He will be the shining-greatness of Your people the Jews." Luke 2:25-32, NIV

We too are having our praises to God recorded in God's memory somewhere through song, prayer, word, and deed. We praise God with every heartbeat, with every breath we take, with every electrical impulse our cells produce. In him we are alive

Invitation to the Table

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9NnPRG9RZY>

Words of Institution

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Ps. 103:1-2, NIV)

CLOSING HYMN "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed" Blue Hymnal # 501

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcmNJDDS6XQ>

*** BENEDICTION**

May the God of our Praise who is 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. Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit and spread God's wonderfully good news to all you meet. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

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

