

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "O My Soul Be Glad and Joyful" **L. Bourgeois**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8RLZEA7Ww4>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, God permitting, we celebrate the Lord's Supper together as One.

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rwJdCGFpaA>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

All: Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

LEADER: He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

All: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

Leader: He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

All: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (Based on Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you are the Jealous one who loves us unconditionally. You made us for yourself and for no other. We gather here today in your love knowing that we belong only and entirely to you. In the name of Christ Jesus, amen.

* **OPENING HYMN** **"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"** **Blue Bk #460**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5vLtzrM_4E&t=37s

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess to you and before each other that we have missed the mark. We have missed the mark in not loving you with our whole hearts. We have missed the mark in not loving ourselves. And we have missed the mark in not loving our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us our sin, transgressions, and iniquities for they are offensive in your sight. By your loving grace, we repent and return to you. We humbly ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah and 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: You are loved and you are valued.

AFFIRMATION INTERNALIZED: I am loved and I am valued.

CHILDREN'S TIME

God is JEALOUS for YOU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR50OIZUBb8>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word read, please open our hearts, souls, and minds to see, accept, and experience the Father's great love for us revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOSPEL READING I

John 6:1-35

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%206%3A1-35&version=NIV>

PROVERBS I

Proverbs 6:1-19

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+6%3A1-19&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Revive Us Again"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN4N7hOMvTk>

GOSPEL READING II

John 6:36-70

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6%3A36-70&version=NIV>

PROVERBS II

Proverbs 6:20-35

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+6%3A20-35&version=NIV>

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

**"El Qanna, Jealous God"
Exodus 34:14**

Dr. Carlos Baladez

"Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."
(NIV)

Jealousy often gets a bad rap. It is frequently associated with an intense desire gone wrong. This misdirected desire is seen in situations of unrequited love, the success of others, or comparing what one does not have with what others possess. Wherever a relationship of some sort exists, the potential for jealousy gone wrong exists too.

At first glance when we read the words of Exodus 34:14, ... "the Lord ... is a jealous God," we may exclaim, "What! How can God who is sovereign over all, who is light, who offers unconditional love to his creation possibly be jealous?" These types of questions often arise when we project upon God our own shadow, persona, or image of him mistaking these for God himself. That is, we mistake God for our own experiences, attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. Essentially, these questions arise when we start making God in our image. We may figure and wrongly conclude, "Since I am made in the image and likeness of God, and I have these feelings and desires, God must be like me." How wrong we are! Confusion loves to rear its ugly head in these moments and disorient us from the truth.

In spite of this, can you think of any instance where jealousy may be a good thing? Where jealousy springs from a loving heart? Where the intention of jealousy is to protect, love, and direct in a wholesome manner?

Consider the relationship between child and parent. What good and loving parent does not want the best for his or her child? A father wants the best man possible for daddy's little girl. He wants a man who will love her, protect her, and provide for her. He wants to see her happy. And for his son, he wants a loving wife who will be there for him through thick and thin.

And a mother? What mother does not want the best for her child? She wants her children to have the best education money can buy. She wants her sons and daughters to enjoy their careers, have lovely homes, take exotic family vacations, and bring her grandchildren.

In today's verse, we encounter God giving Moses a second set of stone tablets containing the Ten Commandments. If you recall, Moses threw the first set and broke them on the ground when he came down from the mountain and found the people of God worshipping a golden calf. The people were struck with a plague for this insolent idolatry.

Moses is commanded to climb the mountain again and in this attempt, God declares some of his glorious attributes to Moses. "The Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him (Moses) and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." (Ex. 34:5-7, NIV). Here we see God as compassionate, full of grace, patience, being loyal in love and full of faith, and just. He expresses himself out of who he is. To this Moses responds by falling to the ground and worships God.

Look at what we see in verses 10-14 in the same chapter, "Then the Lord said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you. Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles. Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

In this context we see God revealing another aspect of his nature. He is a jealous God. He too, being the best parent we would ever think or imagine, wants the best for his children. He gives us himself for there is nothing more or better that God can offer us. It is he who does wonders on our behalf and for his glorious name. He drives away the enemy and the enemies of our souls. He gives us wise counsel in order to safeguard our relationship with him and for the safety of our bodies, souls, and spirits. And then he conveys to us the intensity of his love for us by revealing his name as Jealous. His love is so intense it burns jealous for us.

Meditate on that if you will. Think of all the names we have encountered this year. He is the creator of all we see and of all we don't see. He makes and keeps covenant with his creation. He is sovereign, holy, merciful and gracious, abounding in love, healer, King, Ruler, and Father!

He is the ultimate jealous father and mother wanting and giving nothing but the best to his children. He gives us himself. As the Apostle Peter reminds us, we get to participate

in God's divine nature through his faithful, tried, and true promises which are yea and amen in Jesus Christ.

What are you and I to do in the face of this reality? Fall down and bow before such a great and wonderful God, and thank him for loving us with such passion that his name is Jealous.

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

* **HYMN** **"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"** **Blue Hymnal #234**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyjJlO08J90>

Respond in Love and Service

* **This we believe**

We believe that we have been called to praise the Lord, therefore we will tell our souls to praise the Lord. We will praise the LORD all of our lives; we will sing praise to our God as long as we live. We do not put our trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. Amen.

PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION

Lord, we pray for those who are ill among us. We pray for those in need of your love and forgiveness. We pray for the lost and the wayward. Lord we pray you heal, accept, and bring home those in need of knowing you. Amen.

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

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CPC
PO Box 23919.
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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 abundance, out of grateful hearts we offer you these gifts. Through your blessings, we have received hearts with a willingness to share. May these gifts become a source of hope and love in this church, in our community, and also beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Blue Hymnal #357

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

BENEDICTION

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, go with joy in the power of the Holy Ghost and share the good news with those you meet. 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
Sunday
Sunday

TBD
TBD
10:00 AM
11:00 Am

Food Pantry
Clothes Closet
Sunday School
Worship Service

Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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Class of 2024
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