

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
19h Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Prelude in C Major" **J.S. Bach**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU46NZ9SsKA>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "This is the Day" **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZwW0D2OZ4>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

All: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

LEADER: The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Ps. 121, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Oh Lord, you are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. We come before you this morning to offer you praise, to worship, and to thank you for being who you are and for advocating on our behalf. We bless your name, amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** "The God of Abraham Praise" **Blue Bk #488**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWjPTXtCAHE>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, your psalmist writes, "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. I have kept my feet from every

evil path so that I might obey your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Lord God our Rock, forgive us when we sin as a result of not trusting you and your Word. We repent by your grace and thank you for your forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen. (Ps. 119:97-104, NIV)

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: 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).

AFFIRMATION: You are loved and you are valued!

AFFIRMATION INTERNALIED: I am loved and I am valued!

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Parable of the Two Builders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6S3cRVLMFQ>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, who is our rock, allow your Holy Spirit to sit gently upon our hearts and allow us to hear with the ears of our hearts your Word which is our rock and refuge our shield who makes our souls secure. In Jesus' name, amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING I

John 8:1-30

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%208%3A1-30&version=NIV>

PROVERBS READING I

Prov. 8:1-21

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Prov.+8%3A1-21&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Standing On The Promises"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLIJR61wKW0>

NEW TESTAMENT READING II

John 8:31-58

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A31-58&version=NIV>

PROVERBS II

Prov. 8:22-36

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Prov.+8%3A22-36&version=NIV>

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

**"Elohi Tsurì, My God My Rock"
2 Samuel 22:2-3**

Dr. Carlos Baladez

He said: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge, and my savior—from violent people you save me."

Do you have a happy place? I used to work with a colleague whose counsel was, - well, really a direct order - "Carlos, go to your happy place," when she would see me overwhelmed or stressed. Invariably, this would lead to comic relief and we both would laugh out loud.

Yet, her advice was sound. There were times when I would take her advice seriously. I would stop what I was doing, take a deep breath, and think of something pleasant. This little exercise was enough to put me into another state of mind. My shoulders would relax, my jaw would soften, and my breathing would resume to a normal rate. It allowed me to feel my body, and how I was holding my breath, and also make me aware of closed-loop thinking. As soon as I would break away from the toxic closed-loop thoughts that plagued my mind and start thinking on "good things," I became another person. Good things like Philippians 4:4-8, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (NIV)

Your happy place may be a memorable time in your childhood. Or maybe a family vacation. Perhaps, you grew up near the ocean, or the forest, or the mountains, places of solace that immediately put you in a wonderful state of mind.

Yet here in today's text, we see David's happy place was not in nature, nor a pleasant past experience, nor an exercise. No, his favorite place was none other than the LORD. David's happy place was not found in creation but in his CREATOR! And his creator, is the LORD, Yahweh. It is the name God used to reveal himself to Moses. It was the name God used when he made a covenant. A covenant in this case can be reminiscent of our English phrase, "My Word is my Bond."

Without exception, God would attach his name Yahweh when he was making a covenant, a promise. In essence, God was saying, "My word to you when I promise you

something, and when I attach my name Yahweh to it, is my bond." We can count on God to fulfill his promises.

Here, David says of his experience of the LORD (Yahweh), that the LORD is his rock, his refuge, and his shield. He also brings to mind another name of God which is Elohim. If you recall, this is the name of God used in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, Elohim, created the heavens and the earth." David is sharing with us that the covenant-making, promising keeping being, is true to his word. His word is his bond. David assures us, as seen in this passage, that Yahweh and Elohim are the same and share the same characteristics. David states of Yahweh, "my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer." Of Elohim, David confesses, "my stronghold, my refuge, and my savior. In Yahweh-Elohim, David takes refuge, David recognizes Yahweh-Elohim as the shield of his horn, the authority, of his salvation. Here the word for salvation is "yēša'" pronounced yeh'-shah. Recall, Jesus means Jehovah saves.

Is it any wonder David took refuge, comfort, and sought safety in Yahweh-Elohim calling him my salvation? We too call Yeshua, Jesus, our salvation.

As the Lord grants me additional years, and a greater progressive revelation as to who my creator is, I can see the same one who took care of David is the same one who cares for us today.

Let us take a page from David's playbook and follow his example. Let us too call, and recognize Jesus as our Lord, our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. Let us call Jesus our God who is our rock, our refuge, and our shield, and acknowledge him as the means, source, and authority of our salvation. It is he, Jesus who from violent people saves us.

In these two verses, the combination of the words, "my," "I," and "me," are mentioned a total of 12 times. David's favorite place was a place of relationship. It was a place that he could count on to be and feel safe, protected, and secure. Yes, his favorite place was found in a relationship with his savior, his creator.

Today, take time to re-evaluate your favorite place to be. And if your favorite place has not been your relationship with your Savior, Lord, and God, know that he is waiting for you patiently with open arms to show you his unfathomable love for you. Yes, you are greatly loved and immensely valued.

Alleluia!

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

* **HYMN**

"Christ of the Upward Way"

Blue Hymnal #344

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvtYTWbe1o0>

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

We believe the Holy Scriptures, are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that we, the servants of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Amen. (Based on 2 Tim. 3:15b-17, NIV)

PRAYERS and HYMN OF INTERCESSION

Please present your personal prayers unto the Lord and thank him for listening. 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

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 abundant provision, we bring ourselves and our gifts to you in response to your loving care. We humbly ask, in Jesus' name, you receive us and our gifts and multiply them for the use and sake of your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Blue Hymnal #403**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SCorW9r_Is

*** BENEDICTION**

Crestholme, The Lord who is your rock, your fortress, and your deliverer; your God is your rock, in whom you take refuge. The Lord is your shield, and the horn of your salvation. He is your stronghold, your refuge, and your savior—from violent people he saves your, therefore God in the confidence of the Risen Lord and share the good news with those you meet. In the name of Jesus, you are blessed. 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!

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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