

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
October 30, 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:**                    **"I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"**                    **J.S. Bach**  
[J.S. BACH - Chorale Prelude "I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ" BWV639 - YouTube](#)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

God permitting, we will be celebrating Communion next Sunday.

Immediately following our worship service, all are invited to celebrate Connie and Dave's marriage today in the Conference Room.

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**    **"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"**                    **Choir**  
[All praise to our redeeming Lord StF 608 \(with lyrics for congregations\) - YouTube](#)

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are those whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

**All:** When we kept silent, our bones wasted away through our groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on us; our strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

LEADER: Then we acknowledged our sin to you and did not cover up our iniquity. we said, "We will confess our transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of our sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

**All:** You are our hiding place; you will protect us from trouble and surround us with songs of deliverance. (Based on Ps. 32:1-7, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

God Almighty, Lord of our Portion, to thee we bring you praise. We gather here around your mighty and glorious name to worship you. Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Blue Bk #260**  
[A Mighty Fortress is our God - Christian Hymns with Lyrics \(Choir\) / Martin Luther - YouTube](#)

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen. (BCP)

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

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

**\* GLORIA PATRI Blue Hymnal #579**  
[Gloria Patri \(Glory Be to the Father\) - YouTube](#)

## **\* 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).

**GOOD NEWS:** You are loved and you are valued!

**GOOD NEWS INTERNALIZED:** I am loved and I am valued!

**CHILDREN'S TIME**  
[THE LORD IS MY PORTION - YouTube](#)

## **Hear the Word of God**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God, you who made the human ear, let our hearing be for your Word this morning by the power of your Holy Spirit. In your mercy allow us to hear and obey in your glorious love. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING I****John 10:1-21**[John 10.1-21 NIV - The Good Shepherd and His Sheep - Bible Gateway](#)**PROVERBS READING I****Proverbs 10:1-16**[Prov 10.1-16 NIV - Proverbs of Solomon - The proverbs of - Bible Gateway](#)**CHORAL ANTHEM "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"****Choir**[All praise to our redeeming Lord \(Wesley\) - YouTube](#)**NEW TESTAMENT READING II****John 10:22-42**[John 10.22-42 NIV - Further Conflict Over Jesus' Claims - Bible Gateway](#)**PROVERBS READING II****Proverbs 10:17-32**[Prov 10.17-32 NIV - Whoever heeds discipline shows the way - Bible Gateway](#)**SERMON****"Yahweh Chelqi, The LORD My Portion"****Dr. Carlos Baladez****Psalm 73:25-26**

"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."  
(NIV)

My father was born into of family of 11 surviving siblings. He was the youngest male and was a mama's boy.

As you can imagine, it took a ton of tortillas to feed a family this size. My grandmother would make a pile of them, for breakfast, and then again for lunch, and then again for dinner. Before each meal, she would set them out in the middle of the table. Once all were served and my grandfather sat at the table, all would start to eat. Every person at the table was given a portion, but the smart ones would take their first tortilla and place it under their plate and once all the tortillas were gone they would pull out the hidden one and have the last delicious bite.

During WW II, rations cards were given throughout Great Britain. Having a ration card did not guarantee all would be able to obtain their allotted rations as many time food would run out. Yet the government attempted to give all its citizens their allotted portion.

Today's passage reads as follows, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

A portion is a share or part of the whole. The inheritance is distributed to the rightful recipients. When my parents died, I was made the executor of the estate. I had the responsibility to divide the inheritance between my siblings and myself. This inheritance is still with us today. It allowed each one of us to have a dwelling and raise our respective families.

Today's passage asks a question, "Whom have I in heaven but you?" and the answer is God. Yes, Elohim the one true God. The ONE we saw in Genesis 1:1, the one who created all that is seen and unseen, out of nothing.

This is the one who we have in heaven and on earth. God is our strength, our rock, our cliff of safety, and our delight. He is the one in whom we take great pleasure and are pleased to have.

The things of this earth, even the closest things and most cherished such as our bodies and our hearts will fail us. They will fail us because they are of this earth. They are made of dust and to dust they will return. But in Elohim, we find permanence, eternity, faithfulness, and everlasting joy. God is for ever and without end. With God there is no fear of running out or not being enough! All our needs and wants are met in and by him.

God, our inheritance, is our Comforter, Healer, Provider, Redeemer, Friend, Father, High Priest, Advocate, Helper, Counselor, Teacher, Guide, and so much more. We can call God any of these names and he will respond to us in love, mercy, and grace. He will respond because He is Faithful.

Now what do we do with such glorious good news? Receive them as they are given, freely. Believe the Good News for they are true. And share them with others because they are too good and too big to keep to ourselves. This is the Father's will for us. To be loved and to love. This is our portion.

Tell HIS Story! Tell it well. Tell it often, and tell it faithfully in Grace and in Love.

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

\* **HYMN**                                    **"O For a Closer Walk with God"**                                    **Blue Hymnal #397**  
[O for a closer walk with God • William Cowper 1731-1800 • Christian Hymn - YouTube](#)

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

\* **This we believe**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: Who for us, too, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, and was buried: the third day He rose according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right

hand of the Father: He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son: Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the age to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS and HYMN OF INTERCESSION**

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

We pray for our nation and the nations of this world.

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

We pray for our first responders.

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

We pray for our educators and their students.

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

We pray for our government officials.

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

We pray for the sick, marginalized, and the lost.

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

We pray for your Church, may your kingdom come and they will be done.

**Lord, our portion, hear our prayers.**

**For all this and more, Lord, our portion, thank you!**

**\*HYMN FOR OUR NATION**

**"Heal Our Land"**

**Red Hymnal #800**

[Kari Jobe - Heal Our Land \(Acoustic\) - YouTube](#)

## **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**

[Choral Amen - YouTube](#)

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

### **\* DOXOLOGY**

**Blue Hymnal # 592**

[Doxology - YouTube](#)

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

Lord, our portion, there is no greater offering we can give you than what you first have given us. We thus recognize that this bonanza first started with you. We as your grateful stewards, bring what rightly belongs to you. Take. Break and bless for your name's sake. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **\* CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Blue Hymnal #387**

[Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us - YouTube](#)

### **\* BENEDICTION**

Crestholme, whom have we in heaven but the Lord our portion? And earth has nothing we desire besides Almighty God. Our flesh and our hearts may fail, but God is the strength of our hearst and our portion forever. Therefore go, with all the confidence of Almighty God and share the good news with those you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are blessed. Amen.

### **\* POSTLUDE**

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

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

