January 15, 2017 The Worship of God 10:45 AM

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

Passing of the Peace Jason W. Crosby

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Life of the Church

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it in the offering plate. Or, you may share contact info or comments with us by sending a text message to 502-295-0285.

Entrance into Worship

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Prelude *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* Paul Manz/Louie Bailey

Invocation Joshua Klo

\*Hymn of Praise 132 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* GENEVAN 42

### Dedication of Hannah Trudi Leh

## Introduction of the Family

### Beh Leh and Kwee Paw

#### Hannah Trudi Leh

Covenant of Dedication Minister, Parents and Congregation

Minister: By God’s love we are given children through the miracle of birth.

**Congregation: We give God thanks.**

Minister: May we greet each new son and daughter with joy, and surround them all with faith so they may know Christ and want to be his followers.

**Congregation: Never let us neglect children, but help us to delight in them, showing them the welcome God has shown us all.**

Minister: Beh Leh and Kwee Paw, in presenting Hannah Trudi Leh to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God’s grace and with the help of the church to teach your daughter the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word and example to bring her up in the nurture, discipline and instruction of the Lord?

**Parents: We do.**

Minister: Brothers and sisters of this community of faith, I commend to you this family. Your love, care and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise. As they seek to raise their daughter in the way of Jesus, will you do all in your power to make this church a true spiritual home for them, lending them the support of your prayers, your presence, your care and your love?

**Congregation: With God’s help we will so seek to follow Christ ourselves that Beh Leh and Kwee Paw shall be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that their daughter, surrounded by steadfast love, may be nurtured in the faith and led to walk in the way of Jesus.**

Words of Blessing

The Presentation of Bible, Certificate and Blanket

Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, Perfect Parent of us all, we pray for these parents and for all parents. Help Beh Leh and Kwee Paw to love Hannah Trudi Leh with Your love and be faithful to the promise they have made today. Bless Hannah Trudi Leh. Guard her safely through injury and illness. Hold her in Your arms of love and grace. Guide her with Your Spirit. And keep us with this child and all children ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus Christ You have loved us. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:1-8

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Reflection *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Thomas A. Dorsey

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.

I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land; precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past:

I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee, with my dream of a world that is free

For that day when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned, precious Lord, take my hand.

\*Gospel Lesson John 1:35-42

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Children’s Moment Andrea V. Woolley

\*Hymn of Remembrance *God, with Joy We Look Around Us* REGENT SQUARE

God, with joy we look around us at your world's diversity.

Folk of every kind surround us and you call your church to see:

All are made in your own image! All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other, Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.

Hating sister, cursing brother, we've denied what you express:

All are made in your own image! All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us, breaking walls that would divide.

By your Spirit, now work through us as we witness side by side:

All are made in your own image! All are people whom you love!

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Words for the Journey MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS Jason W. Crosby

Discipline of Silence

Prayers of the People Brittani M. Bair

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Musical Offering *It Is Well with My Soul* VILLA DU HAVRE, arr. Craig Courtney

Elizabeth Weaver, soprano; Louie Bailey, piano

\*Epiphany DOXOLOGY *Praise the Lover of Creation* REGENT SQUARE

Praise the Lover of Creation, praise the Spirit, Friend of Friends,

Praise the true Beloved, our Savior, praise the God who makes and mends.

Strong, surrendered, many-splendored, Three whose Oneness never ends. Amen.

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\*Invitation to Discipleship and Community

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church

to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

\*Hymn of Response 518 *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* WHOLE WORLD

Benediction Jason W. Crosby

Silence

Postlude *Morning Reflections* Louie Bailey

\* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

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