

APRIL 29, 2018

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jason W. Crosby

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Please take a moment to complete the section at the top of the insert, fold and tear it off at the perforation and put 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

Ballade
Emily Steinbach, piano

Frederic Chopin

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 353

For the Beauty of The Earth

DIX

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL REFLECTION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Isaac Watts, 1707

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

*HYMN OF LOVE

O God, In Your Love

ST. DENIO

O God, in your love, you have made us unique: in gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth; you welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised. You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

O Christ, with your welcome your church feels unease: we stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.
Yet this is your body, the church that you love; O Lord, do you weep for your church from above?

So may your church welcome in loving accord all people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.

O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son in mission and ministry, God, make us one.

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based on John 15:5; Luke 15; Matthew 7:7-11; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; John 17:21-22

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

THE TRUE VINE

Jason W. Crosby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Karen Adult Ensemble

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

Alleluia, Alleluia!

ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty! 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 612 (J@J)

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

*Worshippers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

- We welcome guest pianist Emily Steinbach, a freshman at Highlands Latin School.
- CDs of today's service may be ordered through the church office.
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- We invite those who wish to be baptized or join the church to share that decision with the church near the conclusion of worship. However, if you would prefer to explore baptism or church membership privately, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.
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