

AUGUST 4, 2019

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you.

Jason W. Crosby

And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PRELUDE

Come, Share the Lord

DIVERNON, arr. Louie Bailey

Please see Hymn 782 for text.

INVOCATION

Melinda Stricklen

*HYMN OF PRAISE 68

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

BEACH SPRING

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it. For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice that one should live on forever and never see the grave. When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own. Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

If Only I Had Known

LEONI

"If only I had known the cost of human greed, perhaps I would have reached out more to those in need. But now I see the truth across the great divide! If only I had known and changed," the rich man cried.

If only we could see which bargains in the store are made in dismal sweatshops that oppress the poor. For each subsistence wage — each tiny, crippling stitch — makes wider the divide between the poor and rich.

And, too, if we could hear a mother's lullaby; she's singing now to calm her hungry toddler's cry. For rich ones came one day, took land and water rights, and left the poor with hopeless days and hungry nights.

If only we could learn what keeps us wanting more: we build our bigger barns so we'll feel more secure. But you alone, O God, give true security; possessed by our possessions, we cannot be free.

O Christ, if we could know God's will for all the earth! And yet, by your own Spirit, you have shown God's truth: "Do justice, help the poor, share life and love and land, and when you see the hungry, open wide your hand."

CHORAL OFFERING

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir: Norma Ruble, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn to every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity, in our doubt, there is believing, in our life, eternity.

In our death a resurrection, at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown, something God alone can see.

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*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, you heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

OUR TIME IS SHORT

Jason W. Crosby

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Beginning with those seated at the back of the sanctuary, as directed by an usher, please come down one of the center aisles to receive and partake of the bread and the cup; then return to your seat via the outside aisle.
If you do not wish to come forward, please raise your hand and someone will serve you.

COMMUNION HYMN MEDLEY

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees (repeat).

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees (repeat)....

Let us praise God together on our knees (repeat)...

African-American Spiritual

As Your Family, Lord, Meet Us Here

KUM BA YAH

As your family, Lord, meet us here, (repeat twice), O Lord, meet us here.

At your table, Lord, we are fed, (repeat twice), O Lord, feed us here.

Fill our spirits, Lord, with your love, (repeat twice), O Lord, with your love.

Make us faithful, Lord, to your will, (repeat twice), O Lord, to your will.

As your family, Lord, meet us here, (repeat twice), O Lord, meet us here.

Jesus, Remember Me

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Jesus remember me, when you come into your Kingdom, (repeat).

Taizé Community; Luke 23:42

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrea V. Woolley

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.**

*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 782

Come, Share the Lord

DIVERNON

BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

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

A benevolence offering which is used for special needs among church members and persons in our community will be taken at the doors following worship.

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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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