

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

10:45 AM

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and continues until the first Sunday of Lent. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearing” and during this time we celebrate the ways Christ was made manifest to the world: through the coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of our Lord, and Jesus’ first miracle of changing water into wine at Cana. Symbols of Epiphany are the Star and Light. In addition to the season of Epiphany, the month of February is designated as Black History Month. This will be reflected in some of the music in worship this month.

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

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

PRELUDE

*There’s a Balm in Gilead*

Spiritual, arr. Louie Bailey

INVOCATION

Jordan Conley

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 37

*We, Your People, Praise You*

ST. ANTHONY’S CHORALE

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

Scott Rushing

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Amazing Grace*  
Mitz Nabekura, piano

NEW BRITAIN, arr. Mitz Nabekura

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Brittani M. Bair

\*HYMN OF LOVE

*Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us*

BEACH SPRING

This hymn includes insights from Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Loving Your Enemies” sermon delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, November 17, 1957.

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,  
For the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world’s ways.  
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?  
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.

In each daily situation, love’s the greatest of all gifts.

It’s the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.

Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:  
You don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.  
Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more  
Than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?  
Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.  
May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.  
You have shown us: love is action. May we love, and make things new.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

REIMAGINE REALITY THROUGH RISKY RECIPROCITY

Emily Holladay

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jason W. Crosby

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.**

CHORAL OFFERING

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Chancel Choir; Logan Flecke, baritone

Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke;  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine; till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river is chilly an' cold, it chills the body but not the soul;  
There ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven an' right back.

\*GLORIA PATRI 805

*Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX

\*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 563

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*BENEDICTION

Emily Holladay

\*SILENCE

\*POSTLUDE

*Morning Reflections*

Louie Bailey

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

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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.