

OCTOBER 6, 2019

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Andrea V. Woolley

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PRELUDE

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

WAYFARING STRANGER

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed!

Reginald Heber, 1827

INVOCATION

Phyllis Skonicki

*HYMN OF PRAISE 697

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

Marlene Schmitz

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL REFLECTION

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Dedicated to Joan Skaggs, who recently retired from the Chancel Choir after 35 years of service.

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 in 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 God alone can see.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Eileen Bartlett

*HYMN OF COMMUNION

We Gather At Your Table, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

We gather at your table, Lord: we humbly lift our hearts to you!
Here all are welcomed, all restored, and all are given work to do.

We share this meal and we are fed. Such basic gifts become your sign:
We see you broken in the bread; we know your love in common wine.

God, pour your Spirit on us all, and on these gifts that we receive;
For in Christ's presence we recall his life and death, and so believe.

From North and South, from West and East, now reconciled, we gather near;
We taste your Kingdom's banquet feast, so finding strength to serve you here.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

THE MUSTARD SEED FAITH

Andrea V. Woolley

SERVICE OF HOLY 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.

+MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*Search Me, O God
Jesus Is All the World to Me
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Smith

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

You are invited to make an offering of your gifts as well as a silent offering of yourself.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hymns of Unity
Bind Us Together, Blest Be the Tie That Binds, We Are One in the Bond of Love

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

Members of the Missions Response Team will bring food and letter offerings to the front.

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

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen. Neil Weatherhogg, 1988

*RESPONSIVE READING

We pray for all your children here and across the world. We pray especially for children who are hungry and scared. May we learn to be good stewards of the gifts you have given us so that no child feels the fear of hunger.

We call on your abounding grace. Oh God, hear our prayer.

We pray for families here and across the world. We pray especially for families who are persecuted by violence or force to flee by natural disasters. We pray for their protection and security.

We call on your abounding grace. Oh God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who feel abandoned and for all those who hunger for love. May we see the face of God in every human being we encounter. May we bring light and love to their fear and longing.

We call on your abounding grace. Oh God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the salvation of the earth. We pray for the protection of this world against climate changes. We recognize that, in protecting our home, we are protecting the most vulnerable among us.

We call on your abounding grace. Oh God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders of this world. May your Holy Spirit dwell within them and guide their deliberations and decisions. May our leaders honor the dignity and well-being of all people in our own country and abroad.

We call on your abounding grace. Oh God, hear our prayer.

We pray for each other as members of the one human family you have created. In moments of doubt and fatigue, may we surrender to your love. In moments of joy and gratitude, may we praise the name of him who is the source of that love, Jesus Christ.

We call on your abounding grace. Oh God, hear our prayer. 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 429

Let Your Heart Be Broken

WYE VALLEY

*BENEDICTION

Andrea V. Woolley

*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.

- 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.
- Responsive Prayer by Edith Avila Olea
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