

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

*Largo*

George Frideric Handel (*Xerxes*)

INVOCATION

Brittani M. Bair

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn for World Peace*

AURELIA

As we your people gather with wearied hearts, O Lord,  
Let prayers be now uplifted for peace to be restored.  
May healing and repentance in every land be known,  
As sword is turned to plowshare and seeds of trust are sown.

The cries of desperation, the orphan in distress,  
Instill in us a longing that words cannot express.  
Yet, as the Spirit's presence within each heart is stirred,  
We find new strength and courage in God's unfailing Word.

The prophet voices call us to seek that promised day  
When hatred and oppression at last are swept away.  
No darkness will surround us; in light we dwell secure.  
God's purpose is accomplished when peace and love endure.

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\*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL REFLECTION

*A Prayer for Our Time*

Joseph M. Martin  
incorporating MELITA

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano  
Composed in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001

Our God, to Thee we pray. Heal our nation, Lord, today.  
God of mercy, grant us courage. Give us peace.

When evil draws its angry sword and seeks to sever freedom's cord,  
When death and darkness shake our faith in God's unfailing pow'r to save,  
Eternal Father, ever be our courage in the time of need.

When war is waged by faceless foes who battle peace with fiery blows,  
When storms of hate and fear assail, our Father's mighty arm prevails.

Eternal father, ever be our refuge in the time of need.

There is no tyrant who can stand against our sure Defender's hand.  
No threat or danger can defeat the strong and righteous Prince of Peace.  
Eternal Father, ever be our fortress in the time of need.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

\*HYMN OF PERSISTENCE

*She Came to Jesus*

SLANE

She came to Jesus from outside the fold — Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!  
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see one who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace, she knew God's love was not bounded by place.  
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed — for in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer. You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.  
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends: those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

NEVERTHELESS, SHE PERSISTED.

Susan Lockwood

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Karen Youth

\*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.

\*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

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?  
REFRAIN: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN

As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. REFRAIN

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. REFRAIN

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN

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\*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

\*SILENCE

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

The flowers today are given in honor of the memory of Evelyn Frazier Johnson  
by Bill and Judy on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

- We welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Susan Lockwood, who has served churches in Illinois, Georgia, Connecticut, Ohio and Kentucky. Susan was directly involved in the beginning of our Divorce Support Ministry. She and her husband Bruce Landis recently relocated to the Louisville area and joined CHBC.
- 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.
- Cover: The Canaanite woman asks for healing for her daughter; Juan de Flandes, 1500; from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN