

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

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

Bourée from Flute Sonata No. 4
Allison Hammons, flute; Louie Bailey, organ

George Frideric Handel

INVOCATION

Brittani M. Bair

*HYMN OF PRAISE 702 (♩♩)

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 139:1-12

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:20-21

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL REFLECTION

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

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

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day.
Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Allen Pote; © 1992 Choristers Guild; Paraphrase of Psalm 139:1-8, 23-24;

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

*HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION 557

Open My Eyes That I May See

SCOTT

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Mahan Siler

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.

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

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
Allison Hammons, flute; Louie Bailey, organ

ASSURANCE
arr. Gary Lanier

*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

*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

The Crescent Hill Hymn

HYFRYDOL

We, O God, unite our voices, raised in thankful praise to Thee.
Thou, unchanging, safe hath brought us through the ever-changing sea.
Days of calm and days of conflict, nights of darkness prove Thy grace.
Hands beneath us, arms around us, and above, Thy shining face.

Praise for saints whose love has stirred us, friends who taught our hearts to sing,
From their laughter, love, and anguish, hope will never cease to ring.
Mercy met us in their faces, glory, in their faithfulness.
As they lit the way before us, so may we the future bless.

Seeing then the task before us bind our hearts and hands as one.
May our labor be in union, our resolve and Thine be one.
With one spirit let us labor toward the bright horizon far.
In the midst of tempest peril be Thy cross our guiding star.

Not our choice the wind's direction, unforeseen the calm or gale.
Thy great ocean swells before us, and our ship seems small and frail.
Fierce and gleaming is Thy myst'ry drawing us to shores unknown;
Plunge us on with hope and courage 'til Thy Harbor is our home!

Grady Nutt and Paul Duke, 1981
Stanza 2, Paul Duke, 2008

*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

*SILENCE

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on OLD HUNDREDTH and HYFRYDOL

Louie Bailey

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

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Helen Graves by her family.

- We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Mahan Siler, founder of Anam Cara, an online support resource for clergy leaders. Mahan is a retired pastor who served as Associate Pastor at Crescent Hill during the 1960's.

- 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.