

MAY 22, 2022

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Allegro*

Domenico Scarlatti

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 701

*God is Here*

BEECHER

God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:  
here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place:  
here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old;  
here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out;  
here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

LESSON FROM ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 16:9-15

Charles Boteler

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jordan S. Conley

## LITANY OF BLESSING FOR THE GRADUATES

*Congregational Litany for Graduates*

We are gathered together to celebrate  
the accomplishments of members of our community.

**We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved  
and many more achievements yet to come.**

**We pray that God will give you strength and determination  
to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen  
and sustain your faith.**

Just as Jesus commissioned the disciples to go out  
and spread his word with the world,  
so do we commission you to do the same through the way you live your life.  
Always keep Christ in your heart.

**We send you forth with all our love, all our reverence,  
all of our perseverance, and all of our support.  
Strive for only the best rewards that life has to offer you  
and may the love of Christ shine through you.**

Christ is the light of all people.  
Let that light shine through you during difficult times and always keep that light alive.

**Let Christ's light shine always.  
Thanks be to God.**

*Adapted from Congregational Prayer for Graduates, Neil Riley*

## \*HYMN OF EXPECTATION

*Spirit of the Living God*

IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me:  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all,  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing-  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

The Big Risk for Goodness Sakes

Jason W. Crosby

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Susan Lockwood

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.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHORAL OFFERING

*A Jubilant Song*

Allen Pote

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

\*EASTER DOXOLOGY

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225

\*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 539

*O Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light;  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world;  
the star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all;  
the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God:  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

*Morning Reflection*

Louie Bailey

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

**Graduates**

We congratulate these graduates on all their accomplishments!

**High School**

Ethemoo Po (Manual, 2022)

Lue The Dah Thaw (Central, 2022)

Will Ragsdell (Atherton, 2022)

Taw Taw Htoo (Arhens Work Transitional Program, 2022)

**College**

Eve Payton (WKU, 2021)

Morgan Flecke (DePauw University, 2022)

**Post Graduate**

Jordan Conley (M.Div., Baptist Seminary of KY, 2022)

Carolyn Waters (Ph.D., Bellarmine, 2022)

Julie Shahroudi (Ph.D., New York University, 2022)

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