

MAY 29, 2022 THE WORSHIP OF GOD 10:45 AM

ASCENSION SUNDAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Adagio in G minor* Tomasso Albinoni
In memory of those who died in Uvalde, Texas

PASSING OF THE PEACE Jason W. Crosby
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Please extend a contactless greeting to those around you.

INVOCATION Kelley Woggon

*HYMN OF PRAISE 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his faithful followers see their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, our homeward pathway bend that our unwearied hearts ascend, Alleluia! Alleluia!
where on your Father's throne, you reign as King of kings alone.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

the Venerable Bede, 8th century; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 16:16-34 Leslie Picken

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer

called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION *I Surrender All* SURRENDER
Mitz Nabekura, piano arr. Mitz Nabekura

*GOSPEL LESSON John 17:20-26 Barb Allen

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT Jordan S. Conley

*HYMN OF LAMENT *God, We Have Heard It* HERZLIEBSTER JESU

This hymn was written on the evening of the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado. Twenty-three years later the killings of children, youth and adults continue because of the failure of Christians in the USA to follow Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and work to have laws that can deter such tragedies.

God, we have heard it, sounding in the silence:
News of the children lost to this world's violence.
Children of promise! Then without a warning,
Loved ones are mourning.

Jesus, you came to bear our human sorrow;
You came to give us hope for each tomorrow.
You are our life, Lord God's own love revealing.
We need your healing!

Heal us from giving weapons any glory;
Help us, O Prince of Peace, to hear your story;
Help us resist the evil all around here;
May love abound here!
By your own Spirit, give your church a clear voice;
In this world's violence, help us make a new choice.
Help us to witness to the joy your peace brings,
Until your world sings!

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

SHALL THE FUNDAMENTALISTS WIN?

Jason W. Crosby

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jordan S. Conley

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

Thy Word

Amy Grant

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

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near;
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side;
I will love you to the end.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near;
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
You're the light unto my path.

*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

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

John Newton, 1779, alt.; Stanza 5: Anonymous

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

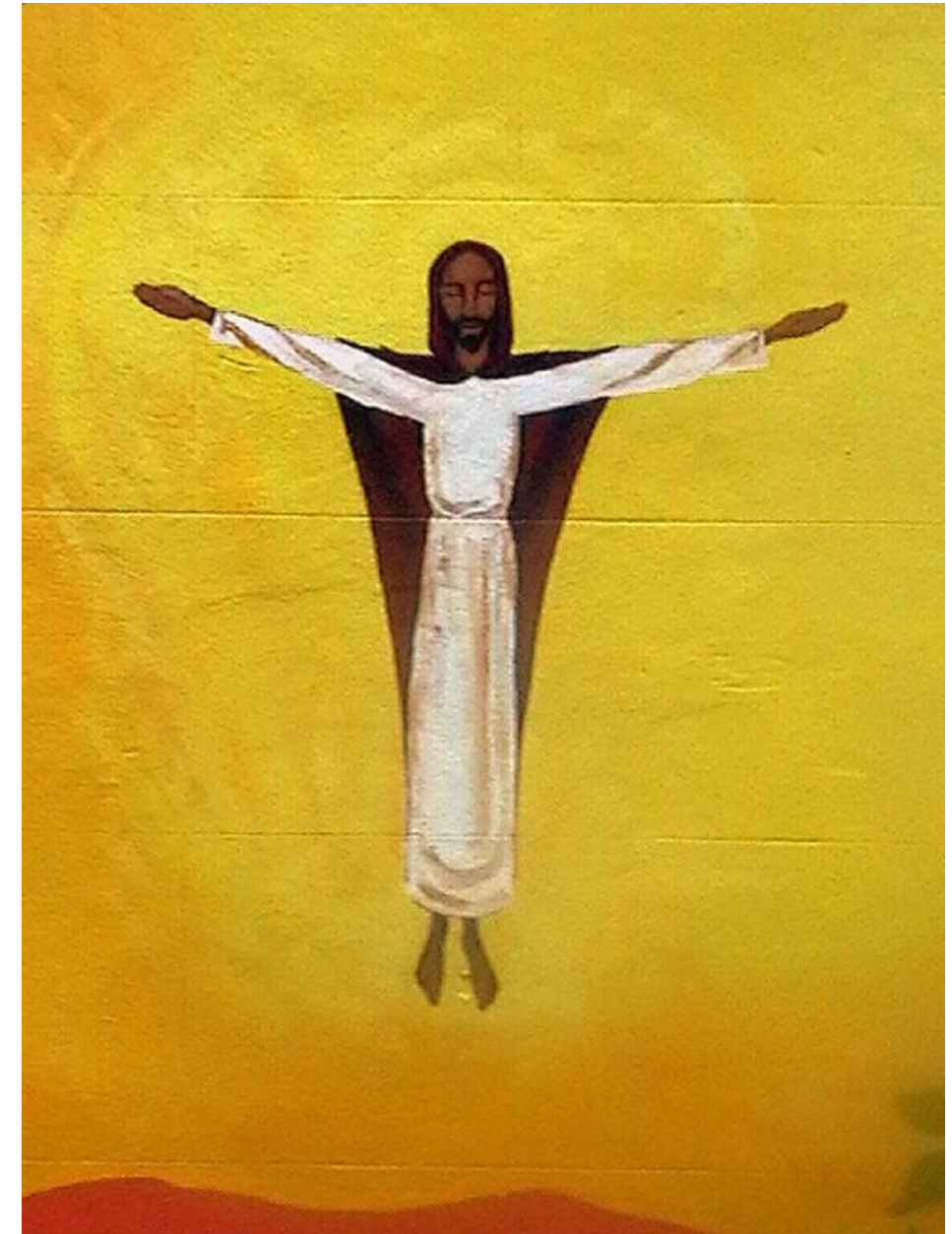
* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

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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.
- Cover: Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England, 2003; from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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