

A NEW CREATION

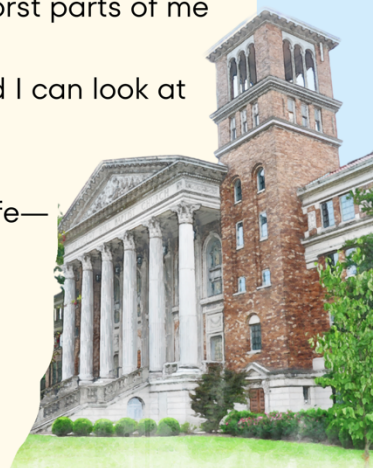
By Rev. Sarah Are

Of course it happened in a garden—
Dark earth and sunrise,
Fresh air and bird songs,
Trees that had not yet been cut down for crosses,
And flowers that had not yet been pressed for oil.

New life invites new life.
Jesus and those budding flowers were one and the same.
He must have known he'd find us in that garden,
For new life fills in the holes of our pain in ways that nothing else can.

It's holding a baby at a funeral,
Bringing flowers to the hospital,
And searching for the sunrise after the night.
It's singing lullabies at our nightmares,
Holding hands in the dark,
And writing letters in the face of isolation.

This Easter season, like a gardener, I will surround my
Loneliness and heartache,
My suffering and grief,
With wildflowers
Until the roots of those flowers are tangled up with the worst parts of me
And I can finally see what God sees;
Until the roots of those flowers are tangled up in me And I can look at
myself and say,
"It is good."
For I am in need of a garden-like type of new life—
Growth after the harvest,
Beauty after the rain,
And that constant refrain—
"It was good. It was good."



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 27, 2025

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:45 AM

We gather to worship the Living God. In order to focus our hearts on this purpose, we ask that you silence all cell phones, alarm watches, and other electronic devices.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Triumphal Alleluias
Based on *Litanies* by Jehan Alain

Louie Bailey

GREETING

Jordan Conley

THE WORK & WITNESS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

If you are a guest at Crescent Hill, consider filling out one of our connection cards in the pew rack in front of you, or scanning the QR code on the back of your worship folder. We'll reach out to connect about our community, one that we'd love for you to be a part of.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: In a world that silences truth and punishes courage,

People: We come to worship the God who empowers.

Leader: When the powers that be say "Be quiet,"

People: The Spirit says, "Speak boldly."

Leader: Like the apostles before us, we are called to stand firm—

People: To bear witness to love, justice, and resurrection life.

Leader: We gather not as perfect people, but as persistent ones—

People: Trusting in grace, guided by hope, rooted in holy tenacity.

Leader: So come, beloved family of faith—

Come, worship the God who calls us to courage and compassion.

All: We are all witnesses. We are Easter people. Let us worship with joy and boldness!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 251

Thine is the Glory

MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above.

Refrain.

Edmond L. Budry, 1884; tr. Richard B. Hoyle, 1923

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.

Refrain.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

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.

Natalie Sleeth, 1986

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF EASTER

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully
sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bobbie Thomason

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus/The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Mitz Nabekura

Mitz Nabekura, piano

ST. CHRISTOPHER/OLD RUGGED CROSS

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

All Praise to God, Eternal One

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All praise to God, Eternal One, and praise to Christ, Redeeming Son, Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise to the Spirit, ever near, Great Three in One, be with us here, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen. *Louie Bailey, 2000*

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

We Are Witnesses: Ministering with Holy Tenacity

Jordan Conley

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

Crescent Hill is a welcoming community of faith. We invite those seeking baptism for the first time, or those seeking to join our fellowship from another faith community to come forward during the Hymn of Response. Rather than a place of guilt, we invite you to come forward to claim your identity as the beloved of God united in beloved community. Welcome home

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 239

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, and once was dead:
he lives, my everlasting Head!

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest and King!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives, exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives.

Samuel Medley, 1775, alt.

He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives, my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

BENEDICTION

Jordan Conley

POSTLUDE

Morning Reflections

Louie Bailey

*Worshippers 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.
- Listening devices are available for use. Please see an usher or a member of our Tech Team for assistance. Our Technology Team members are: Chris Jones, Eileen Bartlett, John Arnett, & Darrell Adams.



Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera to watch an Evening Primrose bloom in real time!

**This video includes sound. Adjust your phone volume before watching.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 9:15 Coffee (Birchwood Lobby)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- Harbor Class (Second Floor)
 - Unlikely Saints Class (Room 211)
 - Agape Harmony Class (Parlor)
 - Barnabas Class (Library)
 - Inspire Class (4:30pm, homes of class members)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 Congregational Listening Session with Carol Harston (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 2:00 Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 Congregational "Her-Sing" Frankfort Avenue Group (Heritage Hall)
- 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

Thank you for Giving

Your gifts are making a difference in our church and our world. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially to Crescent Hill. We appreciate your generosity. Get started or manage your giving at chbcky.org/give.



EASY. QUICK. SECURE.

Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution now.

ONLINE.



Schedule a recurring or one time gift charged to your debit or credit card. Get started at chhcky.org/give.

DONATE STOCKS.



Contact Bobbe Crouch in the church office to explore these options confidentially.

AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.



Log in at your bank's website and follow instructions to set up Crescent Hill Baptist Church as a new payee. The financial institution will send the church a check.

MAIL.



Send to Financial Secretary, Bobbe Crouch. Be sure to specify if your check is intended for the Unified Budget or another purpose.

TEXT.



Text "GIVE" to 502.237.7312 and follow the prompts.

FROM YOUR IRA.



For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a huge financial benefit. Reach out to Bobbe Crouch to learn how this could reduce your future tax burden and fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution.

Today's Worship Leaders

Mitz Nabekura has been attending Crescent Hill Baptist Church as an adult since 2005. Mitz and his parents, Isao & Natsumi Nabekura also attended Crescent Hill when Dr. John Claypool was the pastor, while Isao attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, one of the first people from Japan to do so. Mitz's husband, Terry Pound, passed away in February of 2025. Mitz and Terry were married at CHBC on 12/5/2015, something they both thought would never happen, and so grateful that it did, and thankful that Crescent Hill accepts everyone just as they are. Mitz works in Harrodsburg, KY in the warranty department of Toyota Boshoku America. Mitz enjoys music and movies, but his favorite thing to do is eat! His favorite dishes are Chicken or Turkey Tetrazzini and tomato pie.

Jenny Payton has been at CHBC all her life and is proud to call CHBC her home. She works with her husband in their glass blowing business. She has 3 children and a rescue doggie. In her free time she likes to cook, go road trippin' and spend time at the pool.

Bobbie Thomason has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church since 1965. She was a music assistant for years before becoming the organist here, at CHBC. Bobbie has also worked with the children over the years. Her main career was teaching first grade. She loved teaching children to read! Bobbie leads the Crescent Hill Baptist Church Reading Group and is a member of the Memorial Team. She and her husband, Bill, love to travel, watch movies, and collect books.

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Crescent Hill is an inclusive community of faith rooted in the Baptist tradition. We're a little different than other churches. We welcome all, regardless of race, age, creed, physical abilities, marital or economic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation. No matter where this day finds you, know that you are the beloved of God & there is space for you here...welcome home.



Find our live-stream online at *Crescent Hill Baptist Church*.



At most gatherings, an American Sign Language interpreter is at the front of the Sanctuary.

Our Partners in Ministry:



April

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RSVP Due



Reserve your ticket for Louisville FC's Pride Night!

Join CHBC and other faith communities in cheering on the Louisville Racing FC at Lynn Family Stadium during their 2024 Pride Night on **Friday, June 6 at 7:30 PM!** To ensure CHBC folks will sit together, we will purchase the tickets for everyone who wants to attend at the same time. **Please contact the church office if you're interested in cheering on Racing Louisville FC!**



Congregational Listening Session & Lunch in Fellowship Hall - Today!

The first Congregational Listening session with Carol Harston will be this afternoon after worship, in Fellowship Hall.

Please make plans to attend future listening sessions on the following Sundays after worship:



An Egg-stra Special Thank You!



Our Easter EggStravaganza was a success! The kids had so much fun. Thank you to all who helped to make it happen! Thanks to those who helped with publicity and brochures, boiled eggs, donated supplies and money, distributed flyers, baked cookies, helped with logistics, came early for setup, volunteered at the event, and helped with clean up. Thanks for making it an Egg-stra special day!



Congregational "Her-Sing"

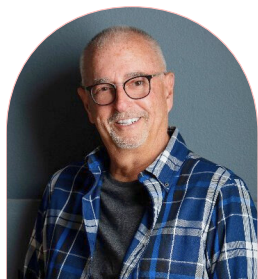
Yes, you read that correctly! This time will recognize the many great hymns we sing created by women writers and composers. Women such as Fanny Crosby, Adelaide Pollard, Natalie Sleeth, Gloria Gaither, Sister Miriam Therese Winter, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, Jane Parker Huber and Sylvia Dunstan will be featured. Join in and sing words of praise on **April 30, at 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall.** We'll also set aside some time to enjoy our favorite hymns, including those written by men!



April

30

6:15 PM



Next Sunday in Worship

Grady Throneberry,
preaching



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

April 30

Menu (5 PM): Tortellini Casserole with Sausage (red sauce), Broccoli, Garlic bread, Caesar Salad and a Dessert!

Program (6:15 PM): Congregational "Her-Sing" in Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal will take place at 7:15 in the Choir Room



Help Wanted on Sundays! Starting May 25

This paid position will include opening and closing the church building on Sundays. Other hours may be available!

If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, contact Operations Manager, Ann Cottone (ann@chbcky.org).



Weekly Prayer Concerns

We extend Christian Sympathy to Joyce Stines and her family upon the passing of her sister-in-law, Susie Johnston. We pray for Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Lisa Howser and Patti Speck's stepfather, Merrill Smith; Ann Cottone's father, John Revel; Annie Hammon's niece, Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; Adrienne Eisenmenger's grandmother, Betty Gorham; Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell; Kay Sanders' friend, Sharon Wilson; and Joyce Deboe's friend, Phyllis. For those affected by the conflict in Palestine & Israel. We pray for our CBF Field Personnel: Rick & Ellen Burnette, Steve Clark & Annette Ellard and Scarlett Jasper. We pray for healthcare workers, as well as school personnel and students. We pray for those affected by gun violence in our city and nation.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

April 2025 Projected Budget Offerings: **\$38,333**

Total April Budget Offerings (through 04/16): **\$17,213**

Budgeted 2025 Offerings: **\$460,000 (Still need: \$361,916)**

Total April 2025 Revenue (through 04/16): **\$19,567**

For Comparison:

April 2024 Projected Budget Offerings: **\$38,333**

Total Revenue for April 2024: **\$57,543**

**We're glad
you're here**

If you are a guest with us today and would like to let us know a little more about yourself, please take a moment to scan the QR Code.

