



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 2025**



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

In Memoriam

Louie Bailey

In memory of those who have given their lives for all forms of freedom

GREETING

Chris Conver

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.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God of All the Many Nations

HOLY MANNA

God of all the many nations,
thank you for this land, our home —
for the multitude of people
who have made this land their own,
for the justice that we cherish,
for the freedom that still rings,
and for those who — brave and selfless —
gave their lives for noble things.

Many here cannot imagine
being in the midst of war.
Yet, O Lord, we know the suffering
countless families have endured.
May we wrap our arms around them
and respect their sacrifice.
May we counter hate with loving;
may we counter death with life.

Some have died. Now we — the living —
hear your call to follow you.
We are thankful for our freedoms,
yet we know there's work to do.
Some have died protecting others —
what they speak, and how they pray.
May we shield the rights of neighbors
who may live a different way.

Some have died to build a nation
free from want and poverty.
May we live creating blessings;
may we build community.
Some have died so we'd have freedom
from the things that others fear.
May we live by offering welcome
to new neighbors coming here.

God of mercy, some have perished;
we recall their strength and grace.
Each — a child of yours — was cherished;
no one else can fill their place.
Gracious God, as we remember,
show us what we're called to do;
may we build a world of justice —
loving, peaceful, hopeful, new.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2023

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

SECOND LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 447 Esther 4:14

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

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MUSICAL REFLECTION

Prayer for Our Time

Joseph Martin

Chancel Ensemble; Louie Bailey, conductor & piano

based on MELITA

Our God, to Thee we pray.
 Heal our nation, Lord today.
 God of mercy, grant us courage.
 Give us peace, give us peace, 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 power 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 danger can defeat the strong and righteous
 Prince of Peace.
 Eternal Father, forever be our fortress in the time
 of need.
 Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Corrie Hammons

*HYMN OF EASTER

The Kin-dom of God Is Justice and Joy

LYONS

The kin-dom of God is justice and joy;
 For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
 God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
 And here and hereafter the kin-dom shall grow.
 The kin-dom of God is mercy and grace;
 The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
 The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
 And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kin-dom of God is challenge and choice:
 Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
 God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
 Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
 God's kin-dom is come, the gift and the goal;
 In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
 The heirs of the kin-dom shall answer his call;
 And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Bryn Austin Rees, 1973, alt.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Phyllis Skonicki

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 OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, & OUR GIFTS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

I've Come Too Far to Look Back
Rickey Geary, vocals & piano

Mary Harmon

*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, Amen. *Louie Bailey, 2000*

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Duality of a National Guard Chaplain

Todd Weber

*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 612

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in the excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!” Amen.

J. Benjamin Smith, 1981

BENEDICTION

Todd Weber

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- 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)
- 5:00 Divorce Recovery

MONDAY, MAY 26

Church Office Closed

Memorial Day

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

- 5:00 Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Kentucky Refugee Ministries
Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
- Frankfort Avenue Group
(Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Missions Response Team
(Library)
- 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
(Choir Room)

THURSDAY, MAY 29

- 5:00 Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:45 Change of Heart (Heritage Hall)
- 7:00 Reading Group (Parlor)

FRIDAY, MAY 30

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

Rickey Geary-Bayman has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for 9 years with his husband, Mark. They have been married for 8 years, together 16 years & live in Henry County. Rickey is 1 of 9 children & is from Beaver Dam, Kentucky. He has been a certified nursing assistant for 25 years & presently works at The Willows at Springhurst in Louisville.

Chris Conver has been connected to CHBC since the 1970s. He has served on a number of committees, been a volunteer in the Youth Department, and was elected to the Trustees in 2023. Chris teaches the Harbor Sunday School class. Dr. Conver recently retired after more than a decade of service to Campbellsville University's Louisville Education Center, where he was an administrator and professor.

Kat Goodman is originally from Henderson, Kentucky but has lived in Louisville for 20 years. She and her partner, Andrea Smuskiewicz, live in the St. Joseph's neighborhood. Kat is new to CHBC and eventually joined through her involvement with the monthly Reading Group. She also can be seen playing pickleball on Monday or Friday evenings in the gym. In her own words she says, "I am most thankful for the generous hearts I have found here."

Phyllis Skonicki has been a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church for over 50 years and has served in many roles from Pre-school director, Deacon, treasurer and, everything in between. She is presently the teacher of the Agape-Harmony Sunday School Class.

Todd Weber was born and raised here in Louisville. He graduated from Atherton High School, UofL, and the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He joined Crescent Hill Baptist Church in 2020. Todd is a chaplain in the Kentucky Army National Guard and at Hosparus Health. Todd loves to be outside on a run, hike, or on the water. Also GO CARDS! (Looking at you Rev. Conley).

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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:



If you missed the second Congregational Listening session with Carol Harston, or you have more information you wish to share with Carol, please do so by scanning the QR Code



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



Reserve your lunch by emailing or calling Bobbe Crouch or the church office. **The deadline for ordering food will be Friday, May 30 at 4 PM.** Please RSVP for food in advance and let us know about any dietary restrictions. **Box Lunches are \$10. Box Lunch Menu:** Tzatziki Chicken Salad Wrap, Spinach/Veggie Orzo Salad, Chips, Dessert.



Mark Your Calendars for Pride Month!

June 5

Drag Revival
7 - 9 PM

Highlands Community Ministries
(1228 E Breckinridge St)
Admission is free! Please RSVP for seating here: www.dragdaddy.pro

June 15

Pride Pulpit Swap!
10:45 AM

Jordan Conley at Ridgewood Baptist Church,
Molly Shoulta Tucker at CHBC!

June 21

Pride Parade
12 PM

NULU - Big Four Lawn

June 6

Racing FC Pride Night
7:30 PM
Lynn Family Stadium

June 22

Pride Sunday
10:45 AM

Join us as VOICES of Kentuckiana, now in their 32nd season, leads us in worship. VOICES champions diversity and inclusion through song, visibility and partnership.



Get your CHBC Pride Shirt!

Pickleball T-Shirt Fundraiser

The pickleball group is selling T-Shirts to help raise funds for the maintenance needed for the gym. **T-shirt order forms will be available in the church office. Cost of T-shirts will be \$30.** Make checks payable to Crescent Hill Baptist Church and place "Gym Maintenance" in the memo line. Submit order forms to the designated box in the church office. *Note: The logo will appear differently based on the color of the T-shirt chosen. No refunds or exchanges. **Deadline to submit order forms will be June 15.**



Father's Day Auction and Fundraiser Proposals

Submit your best sweet and savory baked goods, as well as arts and crafts, for the **Father's Day auction on June 15!** Contact Melanie Bunger (melanie.bunger@twc.com or 435-6189) to contribute or ask questions.

Proceeds will support a charity or project in need! Proposal requests should be sent to churchcouncil@chbcky.org or Melanie Claypool (melanieleigh0907@gmail.com) submitted to the Church Council mailbox for review. **Please submit all proposals by June 1.**



May
30

June
15

WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

**May 28 will be our last Wednesday gathering of the Spring.*

We look forward to food & fellowship together again this Fall!

May 28

Menu (5 PM): Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and a Dessert!

Program (6 PM): Kentucky Refugee Ministries Presentation

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



Help Wanted on Building Staff

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).



Congregational Care Team

A new Care Team is being formed to help us better identify needs of persons in our congregation for prayer, notes, home calls or visits, and nursing home, or hospital visits. The team will coordinate those who want to be a part of these activities and help channel the efforts to reach the needs as they arise. We will be providing instructions soon for whom to contact when you are aware of needs. If you are interested in helping us take better care of our own please contact either Michael Smith (call or text 502 727-8779), Margaret Graves (call or text 502 494-3524, email Margaretr.graves@gmail.com), or Rick Forest (text 502 593-1409 or email griefrev@att.net).

Weekly Prayer Concerns

We extend Christian Sympathy to Jack Stallins, upon the passing of his grandfather, Larry Stallins. We ask for prayers for Jack's grandmother, Jack's father, and family. We pray for Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Bobbe Crouch's cousin's grandson, Francis Roy Lilly; Lisa Howser and Patti Speck's stepfather, Merrill Smith; Ann Cottone's father and brother, John Revel and Johnny Revel; Annie Hammon's niece, Nancy; and Annie's brother, James Bellinger; 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

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

Total May Budget Offerings (through 05-13): **\$11,238**

Budgeted 2025 YTD Offerings: **\$460,000 (Still need: \$337,795)**

Total May 2025 Revenue (through 05-13): **\$13,752**

For Comparison:

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

Total Revenue for May 2024: **\$50,760**

**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.

