

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026**



Crescent Hill
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

GREETING

Grady Throneberry

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 in which you would be very welcome.

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.

Please make your way back to your seat as the Prelude begins.

PRELUDE

Peace I Give You

Andrew Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this morning, the Third Sunday of Easter, we praise you, O God, for new life.

All: All around us, we see the greening of your world!

Leader: Seeds and bulbs buried in the dark, cold earth now burst into flower!

All: We stop and perceive that this is a thing of awe and wonder.

Leader: When our hearts are in grief or pain, we look to you for new life, O risen Christ.

All: We long for your touch in our wintry hearts, calling us back to life.

Leader: Arise in our hearts, O Risen Christ!

All: Like the buried seed, Love is come again!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Henry Van Dyke, 1907

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Awake Our Souls

American Hymn Tune

Chancel Choir Ensemble

arr. George Brandon

Awake, our souls! Away, our fears!
Let every trembling thought be gone!
Awake, and run the heavenly race!
And put a cheerful courage on.

From Thee, the overflowing Spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply,
while such as trust their native strength
shall melt away and droop and die.

True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
and mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God,
That feeds the strength of every saint.

Swift as the eagle cuts the air,
we'll mount aloft to Thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
nor tire along the heavenly road.

O mighty God,
Thy matchless power is ever new and ever young
and firm endures while endless years
their everlasting circles run.

Awake our souls!

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: PEW BIBLE, 52

Exodus 5:1-10; 20-23

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness." But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should listen to him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go." Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the LORD our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword." But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labors!" Pharaoh continued, "Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop laboring!" That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will pay attention to it and not to deceptive words." So the taskmasters and the supervisors of the people went out and said to the people, "Thus says Pharaoh: I will not give you straw. As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron, who were waiting to meet them. They said to them, "The LORD look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odor with Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us." Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, "O my Lord, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people."

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

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

When God Makes Things Worse

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HYMN OF REFLECTION 530

Be Still, My Soul

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Be still, my soul! The Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to our God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Your best, your heavenly Friend
thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt.

LITANY OF RESPONSE

Olivia Stallins

Leader: We praise you, O God, for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: He became flesh and lived among us.

Leader: He showed us how to live in the way you had planned for us.

All: To love God, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to have faith that you are in control.

Leader: He has conquered death and calls to us.

All: Let us answer that call, joyfully following the one whose love transforms all of life, even ours.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Want Jesus to Walk With Me

African American Spiritual

Laura Lea Duckworth, organ; Grace Salsman & Elizabeth Weaver, vocals

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

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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 REJOICING 78

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its years away,
they fly, forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home!

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Voluntary

William Walond

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

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Today's Worship Leaders

Melinda Stricklen worked for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd who founded Maryhurst most of her professional life. She hails from Tuscaloosa, AL and is a life long BAMA fan. She has a sweet shih-poo puppy and will be glad to show you pictures.

Grady Throneberry was a local police chief for 16 years until he retired. He also served as a bi-vocational associate pastor and earned a PhD in pastoral ministry. Grady and his husband, Devin, live in St. Matthews with their dog Reagan, enjoy a variety of arts events and venues, big screen movies, reading and travel. Grady writes regularly and is currently working on a second book.

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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:



New Sermon Series - Starting Today!

Please join us for a four-part sermon series, *Unexpected Blessings from God* (April 19–May 10), where we explore how God’s work in our lives is often surprising, unsettling, and even painful before it becomes transformative. Through stories like Israel’s struggle in Egypt, the Red Sea moment, Naaman’s healing, and Paul’s thorn, we will discover that God’s blessings do not always look like relief or ease—but often come through disruption, frustration, confusion, and weakness. This series invites us to trust God in the tension, recognizing that what feels like a setback may actually be the beginning of God’s deeper work in us.



May
29
8:00 PM

Louisville Racing FC Pride Night

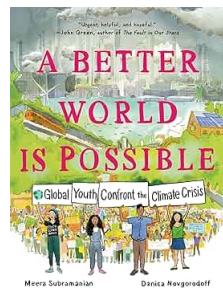
Join CHBC and other faith communities in cheering on the Louisville Racing Football Club during their 2026 Pride Night! The game will be **May 29 at 8 PM**. **Scan the QR Code to purchase your tickets at a discounted rate!**



April
21
7:00 PM

A Message from the Social Justice Team

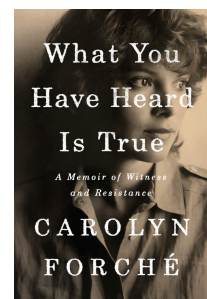
Please join us at the next Sierra Club meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM at United Crescent Hill Ministries. Danica Novgorodoff will be our presenter, discussing her new graphic novel, *A Better World is Possible: Global Youth Confront the Climate Crisis*. NYT bestselling illustrator, Novgorodoff teamed with award-winning environmental journalist, Meera Subramanian to share their stories and those of 4 youth activists affected directly by climate change. A book signing will follow her presentation.



April
30
7:00 PM

Reading Group

What You Have Heard Is True, by Carolyn Forché, is a lyrical, and visionary memoir about a young woman’s brave choice to engage with horror in order to help others. Written by one of the most gifted poets of her generation, this is the story of a woman’s radical act of empathy, and her fateful encounter with an intriguing man who changes the course of her life. Join us in discussing this nonfiction selection on **April 30, at 7:00 PM, in the parlor**. Contact: Bobbie Thomason bobbijt@icloud.com



WEDNESDAYS AT CRESCENT HILL

Wednesday, April 22

Menu (5 PM): Pork Quesadillas, Mexican Corn, Tortilla Chips and Salsa, Salad and a Dessert.

Program (6 PM): Prayer Meeting.

Choir Practice (7 PM) in the Choir Room.

Please RSVP to the [Church Office \(churchoffice@chbcky.org\)](mailto:churchoffice@chbcky.org) by **Monday, April 20 @ 4PM.**
Suggested Donation: \$10

Firearm Safe Surrender Event

Grace Hope Presbyterian Church (702 E Breckinridge Street) will be hosting a firearm safe-surrender event on **Sunday, May 31 from 2 PM-4 PM.** If you have any unwanted guns, bring them to the event - unloaded and in the rear of your vehicle. Guns will be removed from your vehicle and serial numbers will be recorded. The disabling and reconstruction of gun materials will be forged into tools, art, or jewelry at a later date. For more information, contact guns2gardenslouisville@gmail.com.



May

31

2PM - 4PM

Part-time Job Available at Just Creations

Just Creations, Louisville's Fair Trade Marketplace, is seeking a part-time Sales Associate to work 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM Monday-Friday. Requirements: communication and organizational skills; commitment to Fair Trade and the mission of Just Creations. Send letter and resume by May 15 to: Just Creations, 2722 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, KY 40206; or email info@justcreations.org.



Weekly Prayer Concerns

If you have a care need or prayer request that you would like the church to remember, please contact the Congregational Care Team at (502) 882-0992, congregationalcare@chbcky.org.

We pray for Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; Tina Marvin; June Bailey; Eh Thaw Thaw; Jane Rose-Zupetz; Stephen R. Holt; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Tom Doyon; Marjorie Ash; Carolyn Seiffertt; Donnie Murphy; Eugina Robertson; Margot McCall Lehocky; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, Nate Creech's aunt, Laura Stewart and his Grandmother, Janice Creech; Sharon Smith's cousin, Eugene Friend; Judy Pessolano's mother, Joyce White; Kat Goodman's friend, Danny Campbell; Ann Cottone's father, John Revel; Annie Hammon's niece; Nancy; and Joyce Deboe's friend, Phyllis. For those affected by the conflict in the Middle East. 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.

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.

