

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 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

Rhonda Gilliland

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

Come Ye Disconsolate
Darrell Adams, guitar & vocals

Thomas Moore & Thomas Hastings
Music by Samuel Webb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come in from busy roads, full calendars, difficult headlines, and quiet worries we may not have spoken aloud.

All: We bring our whole selves into the presence of God.

Leader: We do not gather because life is easy, nor because the path before us is always clear.

All: We gather because God is faithful.

Leader: There are times when fear is loud, when discouragement presses in, and when doing what is right feels costly.

All: Yet God has not abandoned us. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Christ calls us not to live by fear, but to walk in trust, courage, and hope.

All: We lift our eyes to the One who knows us, loves us, and calls us forward.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

All: We come to praise the God who gives us courage to stand firm and grace to keep moving forward.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

You Made Us in Your Image

AURELIA

You made us in your image,
O God of love and grace;
You treasure every person
in every time and place.
You call your world to follow —
to see in every one
A person loved and cherished,
your daughter or your son.
Your will is for your people
to live in safety here,
With dignity and justice,
and free from want or fear.
In families and nations,
may all know freedom's song;
May all enjoy the blessing
to choose where they belong.
You warn against enslavement
and things that would oppress.

You call for living wages,
for times of welcome rest.
You call for education for all —
not just a few;
You teach us: Welcome strangers,
for so we welcome you.
You made us to be equal;
you made us to be free —
To speak the truth with courage,
to change society,
To follow our own conscience,
to choose the words we pray.
O God, may all your children
enjoy these gifts each day.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2012

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

At this time, all children are invited to meet their teachers for class at the back of the Sanctuary.

"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!" "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one's foes will be members of one's own household. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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*HYMN OF REFLECTION

The Summons

KELINGROVE

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where
your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ezekiel Inghram

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.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

Leader: All that we have and all that we are come from God.

People: With gratitude, we return a portion of these gifts in worship and service.

Leader: God invites us to use our time, talents, resources, and opportunities for the common good.

People: May our lives bear witness to the generosity of God.

Leader: Receive these gifts, O Lord, and use them for the work of Your kingdom.

People: May they bring hope to the weary, healing to the broken, and justice to the world. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES & OUR GIFTS

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Gospel is Love
Darrell Adams, guitar & vocals

Fred Pratt Green

*PENTECOST DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, whose breath fills all the earth, Whose love reveals our sacred worth, Whose Spirit forms one family, Whose Grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

Roger Lynn

*INVITATION TO RESPOND

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and
bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place
for growing, for everyone born, a star
overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight when we are
creators of justice and joy, compassion and
peace: yes, God will delight when we are
creators of justice, justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair.
Refrain.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a
voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for
young and for old, the right to belong. **Refrain.**

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a
covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for
straight the chalice of grace. **Refrain.**

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for
everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain.**

Shirley E. Murray, 1996

BENEDICTION

Dr. Lewis Brogdon

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Laura Lea Duckworth

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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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Darrell Adams has been a member of CHBC for 50 years. He is a deacon, has served on numerous teams and taught a young adult Sunday School class. Since his college years, Darrell has sung his way across the U.S. His music can now be found on many music platforms. For the last 13 years, he has devoted his time to training indigenous people in the Ecuadorian Amazon basin about health, hygiene and how to provide safe water for their communities. He has one granddaughter living in Indianapolis with her parents, one of which is his daughter, Laura, who grew up at CHBC!

Rhonda Gilliland has been attending CHBC since 2019. She currently serves as the Church Moderator. However, she may be best known for the weekly pickleball play on Monday and Thursday evenings in the gym. Rhonda recently retired after 32 years at the University of Louisville. She remains an avid fan of all UofL sports but is especially proud to support the Women's Basketball and Volleyball teams!

Ezekiel Inghram was born and raised in the charming cowboy town of Wickenburg, Arizona, where he spent his days between the rodeo and church. Ezekiel moved to Louisville in 2018 and eventually transitioned into the workforce. He has been working for Republic Bank since 2022. Outside of work, his time is best spent with his friends and his husband, Derek Inghram.

Diane Robl was born and raised on a wheat and cattle farm in central Kansas. She moved to Louisville with Peggy Schmidt in 1982, became a member of CHBC shortly after moving here, attended UofL Law School, retired as an attorney having served 23 years as the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky. She and Peggy have camped for over 47 years in everything from a backpacking tent to a camping trailer mostly in the Rocky Mountains. Diane enjoys woodworking, reading and visiting her 7 brothers and sisters and their progeny-amounting to about 70 Robl descendants!

Michael Smith has been a member of CHBC since 2018. He grew up in Elizabeth, IN. Michael received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bellarmine University with a major in religion and a minor in music and a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. CHBC ordained him to the Gospel ministry on October 31, 2021. Michael completed a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with Norton Hospital and now serves as a chaplain at Kentucky State Reformatory in LaGrange, KY. Michael loves singing, cooking, and reading in his spare time.

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:



June

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9:00 AM

Father's Day Bake Sale - Next Week!

Today is the day! **Proceeds from this auction will go towards our CBF Encourager Church Partners, Cultivate Abundance.** You can read more about their good work below. Thank you to everyone for participating in this much anticipated event! Remember to bid early and bid often!



Cultivate Abundance was established to support low-income migrant farmworkers in Immokalee, Florida, who face high food insecurity despite their role in producing a large portion of America's vegetables. The organization enhances access to healthy food by growing and distributing fresh produce, having shared over 111 tons benefiting around 1,000 community members weekly.

Pastor Search Committee Update

The Pastor Search Committee has now met twice and is beginning the work of developing a thoughtful process for calling our next permanent pastor.

We are reviewing several important sources of congregational input and church planning, including the MBS report, listening session notes, the church's long-range plan, and members' thoughts and concerns. We are also preparing a survey to help us better understand the congregation's hopes, needs, and priorities.

Your voices are central to this process, and we ask for your prayers and support during this time of discernment. We will provide regular updates along the way, and if you have questions or thoughts to share, please feel free to speak with any member of the Pastor Search Committee.

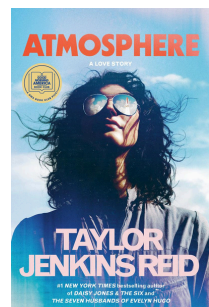
With God's guidance and the support of this beloved community, we will continue this journey together as we seek the pastor God is preparing for Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Pastor Search Committee Members

Blake Ragsdell, Frank Woggon, Michael Smith, Adrienne Eisenmenger, Kerri Richardson, Anne-Britton Arnett, Leslie Picken.

Reading Group

Fasten your seatbelts and hold on tight! Join a team of astronauts as a routine repair becomes a matter of life and death. Watch friendships being formed, women make their way into the space program, and mission control and the space crew try to contain a dangerous situation as we read *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 25. We'll meet at 7:00 in the Parlor.** Please enter the building through the back parking lot door. Contact: Bobbie Thomason bobbijt@icloud.com



June

25

7:00 PM

Church-Wide Potluck

Join us for a congregational potluck lunch and conversation after worship in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, June 28.** We will have conversation and work on creating mission, vision, and values statements for CHBC. We promise it will be fun! More information will be coming as we prepare for that process. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there.



June

28

12:00 PM

Share Your CHBC Story this June

This summer, the Outreach committee is gathering a collection of stories to help visitors, website readers, and others know who we are as a congregation through telling our stories. We are inviting people, in June, to share snippets or memories of things that have happened here, things we experienced here and the work we are doing here. We are hoping people will see something they are looking for or people like them at CHBC. If you are willing to share a story, you do not have to write it yourself—just email Victoria Ragsdell (victoria.ragsdell@gmail.com) to say you would be happy to tell your story, and a member of the book team will follow up with a phone call.



Worship Music Volunteers Needed This Summer



As the school year comes to a close, the choir is preparing for a well-deserved break. Now is the perfect opportunity for those of you with musical talents to step forward.

If you would enjoy contributing to our worship at CHBC in a musical way, please reach out to Laura Lea Duckworth at lauralea@chbcky. In your email, please include the title of your selection along with the dates that fit your summer schedule. Laura Lea will coordinate the chosen pieces with the day's theme to ensure a harmonious worship experience.

UCHM School Supplies Drive



UCHM is asking for a \$30 donation to sponsor a child as they prepare to return to school. If supporters are unable to donate the full \$30 to sponsor a child, they are still invited to make a smaller donation to go towards the program. If you wish to sponsor a child you may mail a check or cash to UCHM or, go to: www.uchmlouky.org/give and select "Youth Program." All donations are accepted either online or in person. **The deadline to donate is July 17.** Donations can also be given to Karen Scott and she will deliver them to UCHM. Thank you!



July

17

Deadline

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 extend Christian Sympathy to H.B. Brady and his family upon the death of his brother-in-law

We pray for Kris Brady; Tina Marvin; Margaret McCollum; Jackie Sharoudi Williams; Joyce Stines; Bobbie Ann Cox; June Bailey; Jerry and Sharon Smith; Marjorie Ash; Donnie Murphy; Jose Chipe; CJ Phipps; Betty Schnur; Judy Hodge; and, Lolly Tucker. Also, John Carter's father, Charlie; Milton Gardner's great-grandson, Kingston Gardner; Amelia Debusman's sister, Becky Thomas; Kat Goodman's friends, Martin Ross and Danny Campbell; Judy Pessolano's mother, Joyce White and her nephew, David Pessolano; and Sharon Smith's cousin, Eugene Friend. 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.

