

MARCH 15, 2015

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10:45 AM

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues until Good Friday leading up to Easter. The season represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness before his crucifixion. We extinguish one candle each Sunday to demonstrate our human frailty and how we put out the light of the Gospel in our daily lives. The Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin word for rejoicing.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE LOVE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Jason W. Crosby

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Please take a moment to complete the section at the top of the insert,  
fold and tear it off at the perforation and put it in the offering plate.  
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ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

INTROIT

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*  
Chancel Choir; Ian Hooper, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Theodore Dubois  
*THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST*

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.

INVOCATION

YoBa Moo

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 229

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

DEDICATION OF SAW LAH KU AND LAW EH SOE HTOO

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY

Tow Po and Mu Thy Sue

Kmu Paw

Saw Lah Ku

Law Eh Soe Htoo

Blay Paw, Htoo Kleh, Aye Ay Htoo, Kwee Law Paw

COVENANT OF DEDICATION

Minister, Parents and Congregation

Minister: By God's love we are given children through the miracle of birth.

**Congregation: We give God thanks.**

Minister: May we greet each new daughter and son with joy, and surround them all with faith so they may know Christ and want to be his followers.

**Congregation: Never let us neglect children, but help us to delight in them, showing them the welcome God has shown us all.**

Minister: Tow Po and Mu Thy Sue, in presenting Saw Lah Ku to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church to teach your son the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word and example to bring them up in the nurture, discipline and instruction of the Lord?

**Parents: We do.**

Minister: Kmu Paw, in presenting Law Eh Soe Htoo to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church to teach your son the gifts and claims of the Christian faith, and by prayer, word and example to bring them up in the nurture, discipline and instruction of the Lord?

**Parents: I do.**

Minister: Brothers and sisters of this community of faith, I commend to you these families. Your love, care and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise. As they seek to raise their sons in the way of Jesus, will you do all in your power to make this church a true spiritual home for them, lending them the support of your prayers, your presence, your care and your love?

**Congregation: With God's help we will so seek to follow Christ ourselves that Tow Po and Mu Thy Sue and Kmu Paw shall be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that their sons, surrounded by steadfast love, may be nurtured in the faith and led to walk in the way of Jesus.**

WORDS OF BLESSING

THE PRESENTATION OF BIBLES, CERTIFICATES AND QUILTS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, Perfect Parent of us all, we pray for these parents and for all parents. Help Tow Po and Mu Thy Sue to love Saw Lah Ku with Your love and be faithful to the promise they have made today. Help Kmu Paw to love Law Eh Soe Htoo with Your love and be faithful to the promise she has made today. Bless Saw Lah Ku and Law Eh Soe Htoo. Guard them safely through injury and illness. Hold them in Your arms of love and grace. Guide them with Your Spirit. And keep us with these and all children ready to listen and to love, even as in Jesus Christ You have loved us. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Shee Mar Cho

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL MEDITATION

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir; Ian Hooper, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano; Allison Hammons, flute; Malinda Rawls clarinet

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
A word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, 1719, based on Psalm 23

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Brittani M. Bair

\*HYMN OF LENT 535

*Day By Day*

GODSPELL

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

CAUTION: SNAKES

Andrea V. Woolley

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

As Christ did, we are called into the wilderness during these forty days.

**Help us to confront our mortality and the darkness within us and around us.**

Unlike Christ, we confess unto You that we often choose that which is not You to comfort us.

**Forgive us, O Lord, from being led into temptation, from turning away from the path before us lit by Your light.**

Yet, the light of Christ's love and grace constantly abide with us as we go.

**We give You thanks, O Lord, that when confess our failures unto you, you do not let us go and our pardon is assured.**

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jason W. Crosby

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

*Were You There?/There Is a Balm in Gilead*

arr. Brant Adams

Malinda Rawls, clarinet; Louie Bailey, organ

\* LENTEN DOXOLOGY

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADER'S HYMN, arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the Nations! Son of God and Son of man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

*Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677*

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 532

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*BENEDICTION

Andrea V. Woolley

\*SILENCE

\*POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Malinda Rawls, clarinet; Louie Bailey, organ

SLANE and RESIGNATION

arr. Brant Adams

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

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