

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

10:45 AM

Today is the final Sunday of the Christian year, designated as Reign of Christ Sunday. Next Sunday we begin the new year with the First Sunday of Advent. Today we celebrate Christ as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace 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. Or, you may share contact info or comments with us by sending a text message to 502-295-0285.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

PRELUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA
arr. Paul Manz and Louie Bailey

INVOCATION

If spoken in a language that is unfamiliar to you, worshippers are invited to silently pray for God's presence to be felt in hearts and minds through our worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 93 (1/18 2009)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

DIADEM

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1 26-27

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Britani M. Bair

LITANY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Baptists have never been party to oppression of conscience.

Our contention is not for more toleration, but for absolute liberty.

There is a wide difference between toleration and liberty.

Toleration implies that someone falsely claims the right to tolerate.

Toleration is a concession, while liberty is a right.

Toleration is a matter of expediency, while liberty is a matter of principle.

Toleration is a gift from people, while liberty is a gift from God.

It is the consistent and insistent contention of our Baptist people, always and everywhere, that religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced.

And that it is not the prerogative of any power, whether civil or ecclesiastical, to compel anyone to conform to any religious creed of worship.

God wants free worshipers and no other kind.

George W. Truett (see note on back)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Galatians 5:1, 16; Acts 4:18-20

The word of God for the people of God.

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CHORAL REFLECTION

A Prayer for Our Time

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

Our God, to Thee we pray. Heal our nation, Lord, today.

God of mercy, grant us courage. Give us peace, give us peace.

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 threat or danger can defeat the strong and righteous Prince of Peace.

Eternal Father, forever be our fortress in the time of need. Amen.

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*HYMN OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Christ, Our Liberty

NETTLETON

Once a people came together bound by faith and vision new;
 With the wonder of the gospel came God's gift of freedom true.
 Freed to follow Christ in service, freed to worship and to seek;
 Conscience guided by God's spirit, God their sole authority.

Having suffered persecution, they now fought for freedom's cause,
 That our faith be freely chosen not defined by human laws.
 We their children are entrusted with the dream they dared to dream;
 Each one free to seek God's leading, in our Lord our unity.

From our sin our Lord has freed us; in our darkness light has shined.
 In our pain our Lord brings healing words of hope for humankind.
 Still so many live in shadows, hunger, hate, grief and despair.
 Some forgotten, some unnoticed, some untouched by hands of care.

In our freedom God commands us that we share God's gift of grace;
 For the sake of God's creation, we seek vision for this day.
 Like our fathers and our mothers, may we always faithful be;
 In our dying find our living, bound to Christ, our Liberty.

Peggy Haymes, ©1993

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

FOUR CENTURIES FIGHTING FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

J. Brent Walker

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

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

Karen Choir

*DOXOLOGY

All Praise to God, Eternal One

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All praise to God, Eternal One, and praise to Christ, the Risen Sun, Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to the Spirit, ever near, Great Three in One, be with us here.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Louie Bailey, 2006

*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 92 (1/18 29)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Today's flowers are given in celebration of Ian Hooper's eighth year of sobriety.

Thanks be to God for the gift of restoration

- We welcome to our pulpit the Rev. J. Brent Walker, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, and this year's William M. Johnson Lecture Series Speaker. Brent and Nancy are former members of CHBC, where Nancy was Director of our Afterschool Program.
- Worshipers are requested to turn off all cell phones and pagers.
- CDs of today's service are available in the sound booth following the service.
- Texts are reprinted by permission of CCLI License 1801331 and One License A718444.
- 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 are uncomfortable doing that but would like to explore baptism or church membership, the ministers would be glad to discuss those decisions with you following worship.
- The Litany for Religious Liberty is adapted from "Baptists and Religious Liberty" by George W. Truett. Delivered on the steps of the United State Capitol building, May 16, 1920.
- The Liberty Bell, an iconic symbol of American independence, is on our cover today. Its inscription reads: "PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF LEV. XXV X."