

MARCH 12, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

Jason W. Crosby

And also with you.

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

In Thee Is Joy
Wesley Roberts, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 72 (𐌹𐌺𐌹𐌸 𐌸𐌹𐌸)

To God Be the Glory

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*GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

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Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of

Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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, for being led into temptation, for 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lee Whitlock

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We Are One at Calvary

Patrick M. Liebergen

Chancel Choir; Norma Ruble, conductor; Wesley Roberts, piano

We are one with your Spirit, Lord, when you pray I Gethsemane;
When you weep and your blood is poured on the cross at Calvary.
We are one with you, Lord, in your final breath, when you die to set us free.
We are one with your Spirit, Lord, when they crown you the mighty King;
When you hear your name adored and they make the hammer ring.
On a hill far away when you bow your head, we are one with your Spirit, Lord;
Songs of praise to you we sing.
Throughout these forty days, O Lord, we join in peace and love
To thank you for your saving grace sent from our God above.
You give your life upon the cross and suffer bitter pain,
O Savior for us from our sin and with us now remain.

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*HYMN OF LENT

Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

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Nicodemus sought out Jesus at a lonely, quiet hour.
He said, "Teacher, God is with you! For in you we see God's power."
Jesus turned and gave an answer filled with challenge and with love:
"You can never see God's kingdom till you're born from heav'n above."
"Born again!" said Nicodemus. "Is that something one can do?"
Jesus said, "Don't be surprised now that you must be born anew.
And it's not by your own doing; wind and Spirit will blow free!
They are not for your controlling; trust in God for what will be."
God, your Spirit still surprises like an ever-changing wind,
Bringing life and love and justice where despair and death have been.
May we see your Spirit working as a gift from heav'n above.
Blest, may we then be a blessing to this world that you so love.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

COMING BY NIGHT

Andrea V. Woolley

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

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme I will sing,

I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Appalachian folk hymn, 1811

*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 224

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

HENDON

BENEDICTION

Andrea V. Woolley

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

Flourish

Richard Crosby

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

- We welcome guest organist Dr. Wesley Roberts, Professor of Music at Campbellsville University; and our own Norma Ruble as music director.
- CDs of today's service may be ordered through the church office.
- 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.
- Cover: The CROSSLET Cross – This cross is made up of four Tau Crosses with their bases creating the center of the cross. The four cross beams on each Tau Cross represent the four corners of the world. It is a symbol of hope and anticipation for salvation that has been promised but has not yet been fully realized.