

MAY 14, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Wesley Roberts, organ

Jan Bender

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 374

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

DEDICATION OF DEBORAH SHEE AND ZIPPORAH SHEE

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY

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 son and daughter 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: Ta Lay Shee and Mu Ku Ku, in presenting Deborah Shee and Zipporah Shee to the Lord, do you promise in dependence upon God's grace and with the help of the church to teach your daughters 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: Brothers and sisters of this community of faith, I commend to you this family. Your love, care and example are as necessary to this covenant as their faithfulness in keeping their promise. As they seek to raise their daughters 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 Ta Lay Shee and Mu Ku Ku shall be strengthened and confirmed in their resolve, and that their daughters, 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 BIBLE, CERTIFICATE AND BLANKET

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Dale Tucker

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Wesley Roberts, piano

In the bulb there is a flower; in the see, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity, in our doubt, there is believing: in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

*HYMN OF EASTER

God of the Women

SLANE

God of the women who answered your call, trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth -- give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way, giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more -- may we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test, left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" -- In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb, prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day -- may we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all, may we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near that we may share in your ministry here.

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WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

THE EMPIRE WILL ALWAYS STRIKE BACK

Jason W. Crosby

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrea V. Woolley

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

All Praise to God, Eternal One

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Louie Bailey, 2000

*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 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWN RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Wesley Roberts, organ

Healey Willan

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

- We welcome guest organist Dr. Wesley Roberts, Professor of Music at Campbellsville University.
- CDs of today's service may be ordered through the church office.
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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 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.
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