

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jason W. Crosby

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.**

INTROIT

*Lift Thine Eyes*  
Women's Ensemble

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
*ELIJAH*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.  
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

Psalm 121:1-2

INVOCATION

Jordan Conley

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 62

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL REFLECTION

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

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

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O mortals, he has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*Ten Bridesmaids Waited for the Time*

FOREST GREEN

Ten bridesmaids waited for the time the party would begin,  
They took their lamps to meet the groom, for they expected him.  
The wise ones went outside to wait, with oil and some to spare,  
They found the groom had been delayed while he was traveling there.

The foolish bridesmaids waited, too, with lamps that lost their light.  
For, unprepared, they'd left their fuel back at the house that night.  
The bridegroom came with festive shout; the party soon began.  
The fools had lamps that soon went out; the wise had lights at hand.

O Lord, remind us that your Day will come with great surprise.  
So may we faithfully obey as people who are wise.  
For deeds of justice, words of prayer and acts of kindness, too,  
Are ways we daily can prepare as we wait here for you.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, © 2014; based on Matthew 25:1-13

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

READIED WITH GRATITUDE

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Karen Youth Ensemble

\*GLORIA PATRI 805 (᠑᠑᠐)

*Glory Be to the Father*

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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 277

*The King Shall Come*

MORNING SONG

\*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

\*SILENCE

\*POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on ST. DENIO*

Louie Bailey

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

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