

JANUARY 16, 2022
Crosscreek Baptist Church

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

Centering

A Blessing of Peace & Chiming of the Hour

Lord's Prayer—Calvin Gunn

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

(Light print read by leader; **bold print read by congregation.**)

Who is this that enters the temple, overturns tables, casts gold and silver to the floor, and frees sacrificial animals from their cages?

It is Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God.

He restores the temple, reclaiming it from the grasp of greed and turning it back into a place of prayer.

We open our hearts to Him—Jesus, the Christ, our Savior.

Come, Jesus. Reclaim our hearts from the grip of self-interest. Turn our hearts toward the concerns and needs of others.

We desire to be authentic, to be who You created us to be in this time and place. Prepare us to worship in word, in deed, in song, and in prayer.

Hearing

Hymn of Praise: 52—O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
and gratefully sing His power and His love;
our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor
and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

A Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 127:1-2—Claire Jeffcoat

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.

This is the word of the Lord...
Thanks be to God.

A Moment for Children—Amy Oliver

A Time of Reflection

"If you aim to be something you are not, you will always fail. Aim to be you. Aim to look and act and think like you. Aim to be the truest version of you. Embrace that you-ness. Endorse it. Love it. Work hard at it. And don't give a second thought when people mock it or ridicule it. Most gossip is envy in disguise." ~ Matt Haig

Invitation to Generosity

(Offertory by Kaye Slanker)

Worship in Song: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"—Cecily Metzler

A Reading from the Gospels: John 2:13-25—Donna Fitch

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is the word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Devotion: 281—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Sermon - Brandon Hudson

"Flippin' Tables"

Responding

Silence and Meditation

"There is a creator and a redeemer, and the purpose of it all is love." ~ Brandi Carlile

Hymn of Response: 41—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make His love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify His strictness
with a zeal He will not own.

Benediction and Blessing

Hymn of Parting: An Old Irish Blessing

(Words & music may be found in the back of the hymnal.)

Postlude