

**JUNE 12, 2022**  
**Crosscreek Baptist Church**

**Gathering**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opportunities to Connect**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Centering**

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**Chiming of the Hour**

**Lord's Prayer—David Kilpatrick**

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**

(Inspired on Romans 8)

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

Rejoice! Because of Jesus no condemnation awaits you now or in the future.

**We celebrate the Spirit breathing life into us and liberating us!**

The justice demanded by the Law is satisfied by the work of the Spirit in our lives.

**We can call out to God like children call out to a loving father.**

Be comforted. The work of the Spirit signifies that we are indeed children of God.

**We are confident that God is able to orchestrate something good and beautiful in us and through us.**

If God is on our side, then tell me: whom should we fear? What can come between us and the love of Christ? Can troubles, hardships, persecution, hunger, poverty, danger, or even death?

**Absolutely nothing! We are no longer homeless orphans searching for a place to belong. The Father reaches us, His children, through the Love of Jesus and the work of the Spirit. Hallelujah!**

## Hearing

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### Hymn of Praise: 172—Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 1-3)

#### A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 19:13-15—Quinn Hudson

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

This is the word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

#### A Moment for Children—Amy Oliver

##### A Time of Reflection

*"Children see magic because they look for it"* ~Christopher Moore

##### Pastoral Prayer

##### Invitation to Generosity

(Offertory by Kaye Slanker)

#### Worship in Song: For Everyone Born—Amber Ford

##### A Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-6—Noel Franklin

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

This is the word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Devotion: Who is Greatest in the Kingdom?

(Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Tune: NETTLETON— "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

"Who is greatest in the kingdom?  
Who among us is the best?"  
The disciples were debating:  
"In God's reign, who will be blest?"  
Jesus, had those twelve forgotten?  
Faithful living has a cost,  
And to journey where you'd lead them,  
they would journey to the cross.

"Who is greatest in the kingdom?  
Who will take the throne and reign?"  
Christ, you put a child among them,  
and you told them once again:  
"If you give a child a welcome,  
then you also welcome me."  
Faithful service, not ambition,  
builds up God's community.

### Video: Suffering Children

### Sermon—Brandon Hudson "Kingdom Values: The Worth of Children"

### Responding

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### Silence and Meditation

*"If the day ever came when we were able to accept ourselves and our children exactly as we and they are, then, I believe, we would have come very close to an ultimate understanding of what 'good' parenting means." ~ Fred Rogers*

### Hymn of Response: 532—Hands of Blessing (vs. 1, 3)

### Benediction and Blessing

#### Hymn of Parting: An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face,  
May the rain fall softly on your field;  
And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
Amen.

### Postlude

## **Announcements**

### **Tuesday**

- **Brave Church Conversations—Infertility & Miscarriages:** 6 p.m., home of Brandon & Jill Hudson, 132 Emerald Lake Dr., Pelham 35124

### **Wednesday**

- **Summer Walk:** 8 a.m., Buck Creek Park, Alabaster

### **Monday, June 20**

- **Monday at the Movies:** 6 p.m., *Encanto*. **FREE** event for all ages! Invite a friend!