

**OCTOBER 24, 2021
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

Centering

A Blessing of Peace

Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lord's Prayer & Call to Worship Litany—Ron Prevatte

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

(Based on Psalm 32)

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

We are happy, O God, because our wrongs are forgiven.

We can be authentic in our interactions and light in our footsteps because You have lifted guilt from us .

You, O Lord, are our hiding place.

You envelop us with songs that remind us we are free.

We gather together to worship, tightly wrapped in Your gracious love.

We will not suppress our joy but will celebrate Your truth and goodness.

We will sing with deep delight of how right and just You are!

Hearing

Hymn of Praise: 333—Make a Joyful Noise

Make a joyful noise to the Lord
all people, come join your voices to raise,
letting every note that we bring in worship
be filled with gladness and praise.
God's steadfast love made all earth's people
and in love's pasture God leads us along,
so let's lift our voices as one together
with joyful noises and song.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord
all people, let's swell the courts as we sing,
lauding all the wonders of Love's Creator
with all the noise we can bring.
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and with thanksgiving the gates open wide,
so the joyful noises of all creation
in God's great heart may abide.

A Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 51:10-14—Sawyer Channell

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

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

A Moment for Children—Lamar Bradley

A Time of Reflection

"Purity of heart is to will one thing."
~ Søren Kierkegaard

Invitation to Generosity

(Offertory by Kaye Slanker)

Worship in Song: Choir—"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13— Patsy Jeffcoat

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Devotion: We Are an Offering

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We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You,
we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives they are Yours,
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to You,
we give to You.

We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to You,
we are an offering.
We are an offering.

Sermon - Brandon Hudson

“Spoken: Pure in Heart”

Responding

Silence and Meditation

“I do not think ‘purity’ means perfection, nor is it an unreachable goal. When Jesus calls us to purity of heart, he’s calling us to an inner journey toward an ever-widening heart of love and compassion for all others, all creation, and the Creator. Purity of heart or inner purity is a process, a way of life, not a static goal. He calls us to a soft heart that beats, not a cold heart of stone. When understood this way, this Beatitude becomes an exciting invitation to an inner journey of love, compassion, nonviolence, and peace.”

~ John Dear

Hymn of Response: Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart,
O Lord my God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away
from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me
the joy of Thy salvation, O Lord,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Benediction and Blessing

Hymn of Parting: An Old Irish Blessing

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

Postlude