# **Gathering**

Prelude: Morning Has Broken Melinda Pruitt

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect Dee Ford

Mission Spotlight Associate Coordinator of Alabama CBF, Alisha Seruyange

Passing of the Peace

# **Centering**

Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Lord's Prayer Roy Lyon

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 Litany Roy Lyon

With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

Come among us, Healing God,
With that love which never ends.

With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

--written by Thom Shuman; posted on *Lectionary Liturgies*, http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/

**Hearing** 

Call to Worship Hymn: No. 537 (vv. 1,2,4) Everlasting Love

Reading from the Psalms Debra Carlson

Psalm 145: 8-9 (page 506 of the Pew Bible)
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Lamar Bradley

A Time of Reflection: Jon Chacko

"I can sympathize only when I see Myself in another's place." --Howard Thurman, Jesus and the Disinherited

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory: Melinda Pruitt

During this time ushers will pass the offering plates, giving those who are led an opportunity to make a financial contribution to the work of God at Crosscreek. Giving can also be done at our website, www.crosscreekbaptist.org.

Hymn of Calling: (Insert)

Jesus Strong & Kind

Reading from the Epistles Scott Ford

Colossians 3: 12-17 (page 958 of the Pew Bible)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Being Disciples: In Another's Shoes, Luke 7: 1-17 Dee Ford

Responding

Silence and Meditation

Hymn of Response: No. 658 (vv. 1,4)

Let Your Heart Be Broken

Benediction and 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.

# **Opportunities to Connect**

#### This Week:

- Church Council, 4 p.m.
- Deep Dive, Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.
- Wednesday Night Gathering, 5:30-7 p.m.
  - O Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 p.m. Fireside Room:
    - Make your reservation by emailing secretary@crosscreekbaptist.org by Monday at 5 p.m.
    - Adults: \$7. Due to donations, children and youth eat free for this week!
    - Menu: Pizza, salad and dessert
    - If you are interested in serving on the team that prepares Wednesday night supper, please contact Cathy Lee at (205) 902-6162.
  - o After Supper Activities, 6:00 p.m.
    - Nursery Available; Children, Godly Play Room, Youth, Youth Room, Adults, Fireside Room
  - Beloved Community: Our theme for the adult gathering on Wednesday nights will be Beloved Community.
     One of the ways we cultivate Beloved Community is through hearing stories from the people in our community.
     Please join us this week to hear Jon Chacko share his faith story with us!

#### **Coming Up:**

• **Building Hope Weekend, Macon County, Alabama, February 14-16:** A service opportunity with Alabama CBF churches from across the state. More information coming soon!

### **Becoming Part of Crosscreek**

The people of Crosscreek come from a variety of backgrounds.

Whether you are coming from another faith tradition, another Baptist church, or no church at all, you are welcome to join us in our journey of following Jesus.

If you have already been baptized in a different faith tradition, we gladly accept your previous baptism. If you are new to following Jesus or have not been baptized, we will discuss the step of baptism with you as you become a part of our faith community.

# **Crosscreek Vision Statement**

As a reflection of Christ, we envision a community where every person is invited to Crosscreek, accepted, and valued without hesitation.

We believe that those actively engaged in the community of Crosscreek will experience healing and be challenged to deepen their faith and broaden their service to the world.

#### **Contact Us**

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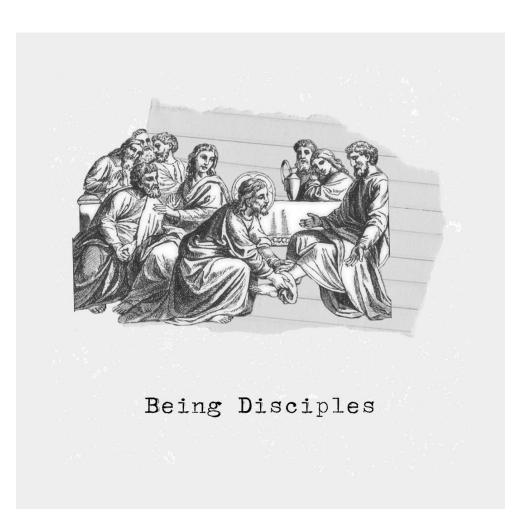
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# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 2025

Ministers, All Christians
Pastor, Dee Ford
Associate Pastor of Worship and Families, Jon Chacko
Interim Accompanist, Melinda Pruitt