

# LANGUAGE OF FAITH

*GOOD NEWS*



*every member a minister.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 19, 2019

# Welcome to Worship

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning and we want you to know that you are always welcome. Regardless of who you are, where you come from, what you do professionally or in your spare time, there is always a place for you here at Greystone.

## GETTING CONNECTED AT GBC

You can give us a record of your visit by filling out the blue **Friendship Pads** as they are passed down the pews during the service. This will give us a chance to connect with you and help you learn more about Greystone. You can also ask one of the Ministers or Ushers who will direct you to information about our church. We also invite you to visit our website where you'll learn more about Greystone.

## YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME!

**Worship Care** is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you would like your children to participate in Worship Care, please stop by the check-in desk to register and drop off your children. We also have activity bags available for children of all ages. They are located in the basket near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

We hope you find Greystone to be a vibrant, diverse community of faith. Our members come from a wide-range of spiritual backgrounds and life experiences. All of them care deeply for each other and the world around them. At Greystone, we believe **“Every Member is a Minister.”** We pray your worship with us today leads you further down the path of God’s calling upon your life.

## CONNECT WITH US



on facebook



Wifi hot spot: GBC\_Public  
Password: gbcpublic



[www.greystonechurch.org](http://www.greystonechurch.org)

## Reflection

“We cannot make good news out of bad practice.”

-Edward R. Murrow

“Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible.”

-Karl Barth



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 19

8:45 and 11:00 am

*At the opening of this hour of worship,  
take a moment to prepare your hearts.  
Be sure to sign the Friendship Pad located in  
your pew and pass it down the row.*

Prelude	“Jesus Saves” Pam Weis, Organ	arr. Callahan
Welcome		Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Opening Sentences		Tim Hendrix
✠ Hymn 207	We Have Come to Join in Worship All Stanzas <i>Children come forward during the last stanza</i>	HOLY MANNA
Children’s Message		Bill Baxley
Worship Reflection	“God So Loved the World ” Pam Weis, Organ	Stainer
Scripture Reading	Revelation 21:1-5a	Allan Smith
Prayers for the People		

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\*8:45 worship service / \*\*11:00 worship service

✠ All who are able, are invited to stand

Hearing devices and large-print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let Your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice Your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

⌘ Offertory Prayer

Leigh Ammons

Offertory

“The Wondrous Cross Medley”

arr. Taranto, Jr.

Sara Talley, Violin and Tim Hendrix, Piano

⌘ Response 815

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

April Alston

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Choral Reflection

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Forrest

Grace Tones Ensemble

Sara Talley, Violin and Julia Sullivan, Piano

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:

The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:

Before the throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,

"nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh,

And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, my soul, arise!

Sermon

“There Is Good News”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Discipline of Silence

Take a moment to hear what the Spirit may be speaking to you.

### ✦ Hymn

## Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

O WALY WALY

*A minister will be at the front during this time to welcome any prayer need or decision you would like to share - whether it is to publicly profess faith in Christ or to join the Greystone church family. Respond as God's Spirit leads.*



Lord, make us ser - vants of Your peace: where there is  
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
May we not look for love's re - turn but seek to  
Dy - ing we live, and are re - born through death's dark



hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of Your



give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n  
peace to wake at last in heav - en's light!

### ✦ Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

### ✦ Celebrating Community

April Alston

✠ Sending Song

Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him

HOLY MANNA

Christians, let us go and serve Him, serve the One who gives us life.  
Let us serve in love and power, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Serve in love and serve in wisdom, reaching all we know and see.  
Christians, let us go and serve Him, now and through eternity.

✠ Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“O Worship the King”

arr. Cherwien

Pam Weis, Organ

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## Worship Notes

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are provided by Brad and April Walker in celebration of their 22nd anniversary and their daughter Maya’s 13th birthday on May 17. They are also in memory of April’s grandmother.

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## Worship Leaders

**Leigh Ammons, Deacon of the Week**  
(leammons@aol.com, 919-847-4815)

Leigh joined in July of 1987. She is married to David and they are members of the Salt and Light class. Leigh teaches the 7-9th grade Sunday school class and serves on the Music Team.

**Bill Baxley** is married to Sandra. They joined in May of 2006 and are members of the Generations class. Bill serves on the Missions Committee, is a Trustee of the church and serves on the Usher Team.

This morning, we welcome two local students as guests who are helping to lead us in worship:

**Sara Talley** is a recent graduate of Meredith College with a BA in mathematics and a minor in music. She will be entering NC State University in the fall as a PhD student in mathematics.

**Julia Sullivan** is a graduating high school senior who is homeschooled. In addition, she has been taking college courses at Meredith College and studying both cello and piano privately at Meredith. In the fall, she will be matriculating to UNC-Greensboro where she will pursue a degree in music.

## The Greystone Deacon Election Process

Annually, in accordance with the Bylaws of our Church Constitution, church members elect six members of the congregation to serve as Deacons for a three-year term. Adult men and women (18 years or older) may be nominated by the membership, provided the nominees have agreed to have their name put forth.

Nominations will be accepted through **noon today, May 19**. Based on these nominations and its own deliberations, the Deacon Nominating Committee then develops a list of qualified candidates to be contacted. This contact provides an opportunity for the ones nominated to ask questions about the nature of the office of Deacon, the work and level of commitment that is expected, and to hear the nominee's final decision to serve. When the nominees have indicated that they are willing to serve, the names are presented to the congregation for election and affirmation by secret ballot during worship services.

Please prayerfully consider your responsibility as a faithful member to seek out those worthy of service in this ministry and then place their names on a form for consideration. Please secure the permission of the person(s) you nominate. Completed nomination forms (below) should be placed in the box on the usher's table at the rear of the sanctuary or in the drop box on the wall outside the church office by **noon, today, May 19**. You may also nominate on the church website using this link: <https://greystonechurch.org/?p=4248>.

The following people are ineligible to be elected this year:

**Rotated off in 2018:** David Ammons, Cathy Byman, Paul Hansen, Nell Panten, Jill Pike, Jennifer Walker

**Rotating off in 2019:** Ernest Carraway, Kerry Crabb, Kim Craig, Kim Eshleman, Marcia Ostendorff

**Continuing to Serve:** Patsy Chiles, Julia Glover, Amy Ng, Dustin Tuttle, John Vestal, Leigh Ammons, Kay Meyer, Bob Millikan, Genice Nix, Linda Peterson, Skip Pike

### Deacon Nomination Form

For deacon, I nominate:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I have notified the above person(s) of my intention to nominate.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





**Cooperative Baptist  
Fellowship**

## Faces of Beloved Community

We hope you enjoy the *Faces of Beloved Community* art exhibit. These photographs illustrate the work and reach of CBF Global Missions over a period of time. Some of the photos are older, and some are newer. Together, they paint a portrait of the ways CBF seeks to build beloved community over time and around the world.

Below you will find a scavenger hunt. We hope it will be a fun tool to look at and interact with the photographs. Enjoy looking at these images, and consider praying for the work of our partners here in Raleigh and all around the world. Together, we create beloved community even in places we cannot go ourselves - because together, we can do so much more than we can do alone.

### Scavenger Hunt

Write the title of the photo that corresponds with the statements below.

1. Careful crossing the bridge! Better not fall off, there are hippos and crocodiles waiting below.
2. How many cowboy hats does it take to baptize someone?
3. Sparkles and food packages make life as a refugee girl a little more hopeful.
4. The answer is 18.
5. Everything is bigger in Texas, even reading.
6. This guy's not too chicken to work in Uganda.
7. Don't worry mom, my temperature is 98.6. No fever for me!
8. Jon must be playing a fun song on his guitar!
9. Flag day at school has everyone excited.

**Answers:** 1. Suspended Bridge; 2. Baptismal Service; 3. Refugee Girl-Lebanon; 4. School Readiness; 5. Rio Grand Valley Literacy Center; 6. Refuge & Hope International Ministry; 7. Medical Clinic; 8. Roma Boy; 9. Romany Education

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# Prayer and Praises

- Robbie Little
- Todd Worley
- Kat Thompson
- John Clark
- Margaret Thomas
- Brad Ouzts
- Susan Burnette's friend, Faye Wheeler
- Ashlyn Top
- Morgan Ogden Burns' husband, Clint Burns
- Susan Burnette's friend Molly Stevens and her family
- David and Cheryl Grimes' family on the death of their sister-in-law, Missy Lawrence, 4/24/19
- Ken and Kathy Dew's family on the recent death of family member, Ernie Baker

## **Those Doing God's Work in the World**

- Lindsay Worley
- Lauren Ammons
- Betsy Mueller
- Sallie Mueller

## **Residential / Health Care Facilities**

Sunrise at North Hills: Jean Brown

Springmoor (SHC): Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Becky Dean, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble,  
Juanita Register, Greta McMillan

If you have an emergency or a need for a pastor outside of normal office hours, please call our on-call number, 919-817-8975. The minister on call this week is April Alston.

**Updated Prayer Requests** - Greystone is a community of friends who believe in the power of prayer. We hope that you will provide updates to the concerns you have previously shared with us and continue to inform us of ways that we can prayerfully support you and those close to you. We are hoping to create a living document and will be working to keep this list vital and current by updating it every month. Any request that you submit will remain on the prayer list for a month. After a month we hope that you will offer an update and advise if this is still an ongoing need. We are humbled and grateful for the ability to come alongside you in your distress and in your joy to offer prayers to our loving, creative and merciful God.

# Coming up at Greystone

**Leadership Council Meeting** - There will be a Leadership Council meeting today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

**2019 Greystone Volunteer Gifts Survey** - The GBC Nominating Committee is working on committee vacancies for the coming church year, starting in fall 2019. A poster is on display outside the sanctuary with a list of our current committees and the vacancies we will need to fill this year. Next to the poster is a short survey card asking you to share with the committee your gifts, skills, experiences, and interests. This will help the Nominating Committee as we assess the needs of each committee and find ways for you to share your gifts with your community of faith. You may also complete the short survey online at: <https://tinyurl.com/GBCvolunteersurvey2019>. Please complete a survey between now and the end of May, and together, let's continue to build a vital church community where every member is a minister!

**Graduate Sunday** - Graduate Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, June 2. If you are a student or parent of a student graduating from high school, college, or any graduate school program this May or June, please contact Allan Smith. For planning purposes, please contact Allan by Tuesday, May 28 regarding your participation in Graduate Sunday recognition and your inclusion in that Sunday's worship guide.

## **Youth Summer Mission Trip, June 12-16, 2019**

The GBC Youth will travel to New Bern, NC, a community which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Florence last year. We will participate in flood relief efforts while also supporting the children's ministry of First Chin Baptist Church. Details have been emailed to the youth families. The cost of the trip is \$75 (early bird discount if permission forms and payment are received by Wed., May 22 make the cost \$60). Full and partial scholarships available.

**Preparing for Pentecost (6/9)** - Journey with us during this season as we look towards the ascension of Jesus into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In worship and in conversation, we are

exploring how the resurrection impacts our faith and our living. We are examining the language of our faith, words that we use all the time in church. As we take a deep look at words like belief, doubt, calling, missions, and gifts we can better prepare ourselves to fully embrace the promise of the spirit at Pentecost. Throughout the series, you are invited to share your questions with us via email – any question you have about the weekly theme. We will gather your emails and continue the conversation begun in worship through a series of blog posts that will answer questions, give more background and hopefully help all of us to ask even more questions. Check out the church's website (now featuring a blog post by Pastor Chrissy on belief, doubt, and faith) to continue the conversation.

**Good News** - We live in a society where we are saturated by news and with it some kind of slant or bias. In a time of "fake news", we are taught to accept news with some level of skepticism. And yet, we read in the Scriptures that as the people of God, we have a message to share with everyone. What barriers exist, either created or preexisting, that keep the Good News from being accepted as good? How do we ensure we are preaching the truest form of the Good News of the Gospel without adding our personal biases and even sometimes baggage? Email us at the church office: [office@greystonechurch.org](mailto:office@greystonechurch.org).

**Sermon Talk Back** - Beginning on June 9, Pastor Chrissy will be hosting a Sermon Talk Back in the Fellowship Hall following each 11:00 AM worship service. Bring your bag lunch to the Fellowship Hall and continue the conversation begun in worship. It's a chance to go a bit deeper, ask questions, reflect and learn. Mark your calendars and pack a lunch.

**Unidiversity Youth Camp** will be held this summer at Maryville College, just outside of Knoxville, Tennessee from Mon., July 22 - Sat., July 27. The theme of camp this year will be "Fathoms", based on Psalm 139. The cost for this year's camp is \$375 but an early bird discount is available if all forms and money are turned in by June 5, making the cost \$325. An email with more information has been sent to youth families. Contact Allan Smith with questions.

### Sunday, May 19

8:45 & 11:00 am Morning Worship  
9:15 Missions Fair  
9:45 Sunday School  
12:00 pm Leadership Council meeting  
4:00 Columbarium Committee meeting  
Grace Tones Ensemble rehearsal

### Monday, May 20

6:00 pm Finance Committee meeting  
6:30 Missions Committee meeting  
AA Women's Group  
7:00 Child/Youth Protection meeting  
8:00 AA Co-ed Group

### Tuesday, May 21

6:30 pm AA Women's Group

### Wednesday, May 22

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal & Fellowship

### Thursday, May 23

7:00 pm Information Technology Comm. mtg.

### Friday, May 24

8:00 pm AA Group

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## Child Care Helpers

Today - Eddy & Amy Ng, David Ammons & Lauren,  
David Alston, Susan Burnette, John Clark, Suzanne Best,  
Eileen Trawick

May 26 - John & Kay Meyer, Brent & Jennifer Walker,  
James & Shyla Tatum

## Our Mission

WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE, WE WILL BUILD A CHURCH  
OF LIVING STONES, WHERE EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER AND IS  
EQUIPPED TO EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE BY WORD AND DEED TO ALL PEOPLE.

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6