

APRIL 25, 2021



Fourth Sunday of Easter

When congregational songs are sung in worship this morning, we invite you to listen prayerfully and participate in other safe ways if you feel so moved - feel free to stand, move, clap, drum on the pew in front of you, etc. Texts are provided below for your personal reflection.

Prelude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Pam Weis, Piano

arr. Pepper Choplin

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Sung Call to Worship

“How Then Shall We Live?”
Christian Mclvor

Words and Music,
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Verse 1:

In times like these, all hope seems lost as we wander through the wilderness;
In this disease, we're turned and tossed as our neighbors find new ways to oppress.
As we withstand the storm, will we be transformed so that one day truth may be restored?
Out of isolation, be the invitation into one love, one mind, of one accord.

Pre-chorus:

We are starting again, though we bear the weight of all through which we've been;
As we journey down this road, we are called to carry on and share the load...

Chorus:

How then shall we gather?
How then shall we lament?
How then shall we hope?
How then shall we live?

Verse 2:

We've drifted apart through time and space; how will we overcome the distance?
When fear rules hearts and hate is embraced, what chance do we have for coexistence?
What can we let go as we learn to grow as disciples for justice in Christ's way?
Seeking liberation in co-creation, we will breathe new life into each day.

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4

Chris Austin

Music

“Love Speaks Louder Than Words”
Pepper Choplin

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Chorus:

Love speaks louder than words.
Love speaks louder than words.
When love is in motion, the message is heard.
Love speaks louder than words.

Love serves, love cares, love provides, love shares.
Love will follow and love will lead.
Love will nourish, love will feed.

(Chorus)

Words come easy and words can be used.
Words can be empty and sometimes abused.
But love that is true will be expressed.
When it is shared, love will surely bless

Love is stronger than words
Love lasts longer than words
When love is in motion, the message is heard.
Love speaks louder than words.
When love is in motion, the message is heard.
And this is enough: to live with love.

Prayer

Steve Rose

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-37

Chris Austin

Sermon

“The Freedom of Release”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection**Musical Reflection**

“Redemption Song”
Christian Mclvor, Pepper Choplin

Words and Music by
Bob Marley

Old pirates, yes, they rob I, sold I to the merchant ships
Minutes after they took I from the bottomless pit.
But my hand was made strong by the hand of the Almighty;
We forward in this generation triumphantly.

Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?
'Cause all I ever have - redemption songs,
Redemption songs...

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds;
Have no fear for atomic energy 'cause none of them can stop the time.
How long shall they kill our prophets while we stand aside and look?
Ooh, some say it's just a part of it; we've got to fulfill the book.

Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?
'Cause all I ever have - redemption songs,
Redemption songs...

A Time of Response

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Music for Response

“When God Restored Our Common Life”

Christian McIvor, Pepper Choplin, Pam Weis

RESIGNATION;
Words by Ruth Duck,
American Folk Melody

When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy;
a shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

Doxology

“Doxology”

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Pam Weis, Piano

arr. David Angerman

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Extended Deadline for Deacon Nominations

Greystone Members: The Diaconate is a key group in the life and mission of Greystone Baptist Church. Likewise, nominating and affirming our deacons is a very important process that requires our members to prayerfully seek out those worthy of service in this ministry and then nominate them for consideration.

To allow more members to participate in this process and to ensure that every voice is heard, the Deacon Nominating Committee has decided to extend the deadline for deacon nominations until **Sunday, May 2**. Please prayerfully consider your responsibility as a faithful member to seek out those worthy of service in this ministry and then nominate them for consideration. Please secure the permission of the person(s) you nominate. Completed nomination forms should be submitted by noon on Sunday, May 2, by one of the following methods:

- filling out the online form (use link provided in 4/19/21 email)
- dropping a completed paper nomination form in the ballot box located in the covered breezeway of the main entrance (Sawmill side)
- submitting a completed paper nomination form at one of the in-person services.

Please note that this year we will need seven deacon candidates to fill six three-year term vacancies and one two-year term vacancy.

The following people are ineligible to be nominated or elected this year:

Carol Allen
Leigh Ammons
Chris Austin
Bill Baxley
Pat Boone
Patsy Chiles
Jerry Chiles
Julia Glover

Lilian Grant
Katie Lindsey
Kay Meyer
Bob Millikan
Will Moody
Scott Naeser
Amy Ng
Genice Nix

Linda Peterson
Bob Potter
Lisha Stewart
Joanne Thompson
Dustin Tuttle
John Vestal
Steve Wheeler
Elizabeth Worley

For deacon, I nominate: _____

This person would be a good deacon because: _____

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

Signed: _____

Please secure the permission of the person(s) you nominate. Turn in nominations by noon Sunday, May 2.