



Greystone

Baptist Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage Sunday
September 12, 2021

Prelude

“Marvelous Grace - God’s Grace”
Tim Hendrix

MOODY;
Music by Daniel B. Towner,
arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

✠ Call to Worship

Anna Beth Mann

One: To know Jesus is to know Jesus’ way. And so to know Jesus’ way
is to know the way of Jesus’ followers.

**All: But like the blind and Jesus healed in stages, we, Jesus’ followers, are always and only
in the process of coming to see Jesus ever more clearly, to know Jesus ever more truly,
to see Jesus’ way extending before us, coming to know what Jesus’ way means to us.**

One: Two ways diverge before us always, and we consistently face our choice.

All: To know my way is to know me. God be with me as I seek to walk in my integrity.

Opening Song

“Living Stones”
Christian Mclvor

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor ©2020

Verse 1:

Come! See! Let your heart be set on fire!
And go! Tell! Add your voice now to the choir!
Join us as we sound the invitation
To work to bring about a new creation!

Pre-chorus:

Here, we are answering our call;
Every member equipped to bring light and hope to all.

Chorus:

We will bring God’s reign near and in the love of Christ be
Led, doing the Word, making it heard.
And all are welcome here! Come to the table and be
Fed! From near and far, come as you are.
Here, you will never be alone.
In the glory of God, we’re building a church of living stones!

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Verse 2:
Open up your mind to transformation
That offers justice, peace, and liberation.
Growing as we honor our tradition;
Together, we'll move forward in our mission.

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

Children's Message

April Alston

Prayers of the People

Lisha Stewart

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:23-3:6

April Walker

† Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT;

Text by Martin Rinkart,

trans. Catherine Winkwork,

Music by Joann Crüger, harm. Felix Mendelssohn

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Sermon

"Governed by Grace"

Alan Sasser

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

"God Breathed"

GBC Adult Choir

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

In honor of Caralie Brown,

Founding Member of Greystone Baptist Church,

Commissioned by Sylvia L. Cash

When all was dark and endless night, there was no energy or light.
The universe was conceived when God breathed.

God breathed and planets whirled in space, the moon and stars were set in place,
And then the sun began to blaze when God breathed.

God breathed, God breathed, in the beginning, God breathed,
And all creation came to be. God breathed.

God blessed the earth abundantly with living things to swim the sea,
And set all creatures running free, when God breathed.

God breathed, God breathed, in the beginning, God breathed,
And all creation came to be.

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The birds that dance upon the wing and every song they rise to sing,
Their joyful music that they bring, all the music was conceived, when God breathed.

God breathed into the human form and when humanity was born,
God set the human spirit free, when God breathed.

God breathed, God breathed, in the beginning, God breathed,
And all creation came to be. God breathed.

When there was nothingness and night,
God breathed and there was light.

Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson
and Alan Sasser

Passing of the Peace

Invitation

✠ Closing Song

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION;
Text from John Rippons
A Selection of Hymns, American Folk Melody
from Funk's *Genuine Church Music*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

April Alston

Postlude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
James Tatum, Steve Rose, Christian McIvor

arr. James Tatum

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Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6

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Alan Sasser

We are honored this morning to welcome Dr. Louis Alan Sasser as our guest proclaimer. Alan Sasser is a retired elder in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was educated in the public schools of NC, earned his BA degree from Wake Forest University, his M.Div and DMin from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has completed post-doctoral work at the University of Virginia, where he earned the PhD, and Duke University, focusing on the intersection of theology and ethics. Alan served as Senior Minister at Greystone Baptist Church from 1984-1991, a tenure he refers to as his "Camelot" in ministry. He and his wife, Debbie make their home on Topsail Island, NC.

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