



# Greystone

## Baptist Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Deacon Ordination  
September 19, 2021

*All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!  
We ask that you **please wear a mask at all times while indoors** out of an abundance of caution  
and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.*

### Prelude

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"  
Pam Weis

arr. David Nevue

### Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### ✠ Call to Worship

Jerry Chiles

One: There are many gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in unique ways, but it is God's calling to which we respond.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**All: Together we seek after God, offering all that we have and all that we are in service of God and one another.**

### ✠ Music

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE;

Words: Irish Poem Trans. Mary E. Byrne,  
Music: Irish Ballad Harm. David Evans

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Children's Message**

April Alston

**Prayers of the People**

Anna Beth Mann

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 1

Sylvia Cash

**Faith Stories from our Deacons**

John Meyer, Blair Andrew,  
Julie Green, Cathy Perkinson

**Musical Reflection**

"Let the Words of My Mouth"  
GBC Adult Choir

Words and Music by  
Pepper Choplin

The law of the Lord is perfect, so timeless and so wise.  
His commands are shining bright, giving light to our eyes.  
Lord, keep us from all sin, let it never overwhelm us.  
Now come to us again, we give our hearts to You, O Lord.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my God.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my God.

Chorus:

O Lord, my God, my strength and my redeemer,  
O Lord, my God, my Savior and my healer,  
come cleanse me now and wash away my sin,  
and make me pure and clean again.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my God.  
(O Lord, my God, my Savior and my healer,  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my God.

(Chorus)

O Lord, my God, my strength and my redeemer,  
O Lord, my God, my Savior and my healer,  
(Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my God.)  
(I give my words and my heart, I give my heart to you, O Lord.  
I give my words and my heart, I give my heart to you, O Lord.)

(Chorus)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart,  
(O Lord,) O Lord, make me clean again.

## **Service of Deacon Ordination**

### **Litany**

Joanne Thompson

Leader: Brothers and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood within the church. Do you believe that you are truly called by God and Greystone Baptist Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Candidates: *I believe I am so called.*

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Leader: Do you now in the presence of God and the church commit to assist in responding to the needs of this church family, to help bear burdens of grief, trouble or any kind of sorrows, and to assist in the ministries of Greystone?

Candidates: *I do, with God's help.*

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer, in the reading and study of the Scriptures, in stewardship of spiritual and material goods, in seeking the will of God for the church, and in promoting the unity of Christ's body?

Candidates: *I will, with God's help.*

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a living example to all people and in all things seek not your own glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Candidates: *I will, with God's help.*

Leader: Greystone, in placing this mantle upon these servants, will you faithfully support them in their ministry?

**People: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: May the Lord empower all of us to fulfill the commitments we have made during this service today.

**All: Amen.**

## Charge to the Church and the Deacons

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### Invitation to Respond

#### † Hymn of Response

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG;  
Words and Music by Richard Gillard

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

### Prayer of Commitment

Jerry Chiles

#### † Doxology

“Glory Be to the Father”

MEINEKE;  
*Gloria Patri* Traditional Text,  
Music by Christophe Meineke

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen, amen.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude**

*"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

Pam Weis

arr. Jeff Bennett

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*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*

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