



Greystone

Baptist Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 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 Tribute"
Tim Hendrix

by Andrae Crouch,
arr. M. Hayes

Welcome

Anna Beth Mann

✠ Call to Worship

April Alston

✠ Music

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE;
Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule,
Music: Scottish Melody arr. John L. Bell

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Prayers of the People

Chris Austin

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Cathy Perkinson

Sermon

Lazarus Is at Your Gate

James Blay

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

“Decolonize Our Minds”
Christian McIvor, GBC Adult Choir

Words and Music by
James Blay and Christian McIvor

Verse 1:

Who told you that the image of God
Was lighter than the color of your skin?
And who told you that Jesus was white,
And Christ would come to judge you for your sin?

Verse 2:

Where did you learn that there’s only one way
To serve our God – the way they do it in the West?
And where did you learn that your cultural rites
Aren’t good enough the way they’re practiced and expressed?

Prechorus:

They told us these things to try to keep us down
As this endless road unwinds.
But we have the power to turn our lives around
And decolonize our minds.

Chorus:

Where once they held us captive to the world as they see,
We now realize a world where all God’s people are free.
Where once they kept us silent and they muted our voice,
We now shout and sing and with all of our siblings, rejoice!
As we live into our true identity
We will grow in faith and find the beauty in who God created us to be.

Verse 3:

Who told you that you’re not worthy of love,
Or being called by the sound of your own name?
And where did you learn that you don’t measure up;
That the place from where you come should bring you shame?

(Prechorus)

(Chorus)

A Time of Response

April Alston

✠ **Hymn of Response**

“For Everyone Born”

EVERYONE BORN;
Words by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Brian Mann

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

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✠ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Refrain:
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,
(Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
(Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
(Refrain)

‡ **Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

O WALY WALY;
Words by Neil Weatherhogg,
Music: English Folk Melody

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.**

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

James Blay

Postlude

“Be Golden”
Christian Mclvor

Words and Music
by Christian Mclvor © 2018

Verse 1:
Each day across the Great Divide
As more and more get pushed aside,
Injustice, hate, and fear we will resist.
As the margins become fortified
And the voiceless are amplified,
With faith, hope, and love we will persist.

Prechorus:
So be the one holding out your hand,
Don't be afraid to let the world know where you stand.

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‡ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chorus:
Be golden, unto others only do;
Be golden, as you would have them do unto you.
Throughout all of God's creation, to everyone in every nation,
Be the love to which we're all beholden,
Be golden.

Verse 2:
As truth is overrun with lies
And prejudice is authorized,
People lose more rights with every new distraction.
For some things, there's no compromise,
We'll help our neighbors and organize,
Yeah, love will always win, we'll start a chain reaction.

(Prechorus)
(Chorus 2x)

Be the love that keeps our hearts emboldened,
Be golden.

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Guest Preacher



This morning we welcome Reverend James Blay as our guest proclaimer. Reverend Blay has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Christianity from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and Master of Divinity from McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia. James is from Liberia, West Africa. He is the former Coordinator for Student Affairs, and former Coordinator for Servant Leadership, at the Ricks Institute, Virginia, Liberia. He also served as the former Vice President for Administration at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary. James now serves as the Coordinator of Children's Programs at PASSPORT, an ecumenical summer camp ministry based in Birmingham, AL. James lives in Greensboro, NC with his wife Allison Wray Blay, who also works remotely for PASSPORT, and with their beloved pup "Benny". We are honored to have Reverend Blay leading us in worship this morning.

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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