



Greystone
Baptist Church

*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

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

All are invited to sing during worship! Masks are recommended but not required. For anyone who would like to wear a mask but does not have one, they are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Prelude

“Let All Things Now Living”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. John Purifoy

Welcome

Christian McIvor

Sung Call to Worship

“So Will I (100 BillionX)”
Christian McIvor

Words and Music by Joel Houston,
Benjamin Hastings, and Michale Fatkin

Verse 1:

God of creation - there at the start, before the beginning of time;
With no point of reference, You spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light.

Chorus 1:

And as You speak, a hundred billion galaxies are born.
In the vapor of Your breath, the planets form.
If the stars were made to worship, so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You've made,
Every burning star a signal fire of grace.
If creation sings Your praises, so will I.

Verse 2:

God of Your promise, You don't speak in vain – no syllable empty or void.
For once You have spoken, all nature and science follow the sound of Your voice.

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Chorus 2:

And as You speak, a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath,
Evolving in pursuit of what You said;
If it all reveals Your nature, so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You say,
Every painted sky a canvas of Your grace;
If creation still obeys, You so will I;
So will I; So will I.

Bridge:

If the stars were made to worship, so will I.
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I.
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I.
For if everything exists to lift You high so will I.
If the wind goes where You send it, so will I.
If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I.
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy,
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times.

Verse 3:

God of salvation, You chased down my heart through all of my failure and pride.
On a hill You created the light of the world, abandoned in darkness to die.

Chorus 3:

And as You speak, a hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here
If You left the grave behind You, so will I.
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've done,
Ev'ry part designed in a work of art called love;
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I.
I can see Your heart eight billion diff'rent ways
Ev'ry precious one a child You came to save
If You gave Your life to love them, so will I.

Ending:

Like You would again a hundred billion times,
But what measure could amount to Your desire;
You're the One who never leaves the one behind.

† Opening Hymn 90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Stanzas 1 & 2

HYMN TO JOY;

Words by Henry van Dyke,

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

*During the last stanza of our opening hymn,
all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.*

Children's Sermon

April Alston

*As our offertory anthem is sung, please feel free to place your offering in the plates that are passed,
or you can also give online at greystonechurch.org/give.*

Offertory Anthem

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

GBC Adult Choir

By Johann Sebastian Bach,

arr. Wayne Howorth

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring dying, 'round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark what peaceful music rings!
Where the flocks in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

† Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people 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!**

Prayer of Dedication

John Meyer

Scripture Reading

Genesis 8:18-22, 9:8-17

Chris Austin

Sermon

“*Becoming Covenantal Partners (Again)*” Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

† Please rise in body or spirit.

† **Musical Reflection** "Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World"

arr. Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

Ooh...

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high;
And the dreams that you dreamed of once in a lullaby...
Oh, somewhere over the rainbow, blue birds fly
And the dreams that you dreamed of, Dreams really do come true, ooh...

Someday I'll wish upon a star, wake up where the clouds are far behind me.
Where trouble melts like lemon drops high above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me
Oh, somewhere over the rainbow, blue birds fly
And the dream that you dare to – oh, why, oh, why can't I?

Well, I see trees of green and red roses too,
I'll watch them bloom for me and you.
And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

Well, I see skies of blue and I see clouds of white,
And the brightness of day, I like the dark.
And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of people passing by.
I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I, I love you."

I hear babies cry and I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than we'll know
And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world, world..."

Someday I'll wish upon a star, wake up where the clouds are far behind me.
Where trouble melts like lemon drops high above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me
Oh, somewhere over the rainbow, way up high;
And the dream that you dare to – Why, oh, why can't I?

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Beth Cross

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Hymn of Response

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

TENDERNESS;

Words by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Colin Gibson



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Fred Bock

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