



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,

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

† Call to Worship

One: O Divine Voice, you sing and the universe comes into being;

All: O Divine Breath, You breathe and all things spring to life;

One: O Divine Word, You call and creation is sustained;

All: O Divine Flesh, You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation;

One: O Divine Spirit, You contain all that has been formed;

All: O Divine Life, You are the pulse of all that is;

One: And so, in faith and expectation, in wonder and celebration we gather to remember this mystery:

**All: In you all things live and move and have being,
In all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry;**

One: And so we join with creation in the eternal song of worship and devotion.

All: Amen.

† Opening Hymn 400

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Stanzas 1-3

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Words by John Newton, altered;
Music by Franz Joseph Haydn

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

† Please rise in body or spirit.

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Setting by John Rutter

GBC Adult Choir

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n (Refrain).

This, our joyful hymn of praise.

† Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**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

Julie Green

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 4:19-31; Revelation 22:1-5

Heather Choplin

Sermon

"The Cost and The Promise"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

"River of God"

Christian McIvor, Congregation

Words and Music
by Christian McIvor ©2018

Verse:

In the beginning, with the heavens and the earth,
The waters spinning, forming life and giving birth
To the garden from which our story grows, and the
Current flows, oh,

Chorus A:

**Into the river we go,
Cleansed by the waters that know
All places and times, through all of creation;
Rising, the spirit will lead us on the River of God.**

Verse:

The seas are surging, once again we've lost our way,
The coasts submerging, with more and more lives lost each day;
A hard rain's falling, and we won't make it through unless
We turn back to You, oh,

Chorus B:

**Back to the river we go,
Cleansed by the waters that know
All places and times, through all of creation;
Rising, the spirit will lead us on the River of God.**

Bridge:

Let your justice roll on
Down, down;
Streams of righteousness and
Love will shape us.

Verse:

When we were thirsty, your living water cooled our tongue
And in your mercy, you quenched our hearts and made us one
In these waters where we can be reborn, and
All will be transformed, oh,

(Chorus B)

Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Hymn of Response

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE;
Words and Music by Robert Lowry

**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.**

(Refrain)

**Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.**

(Refrain)

**Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.**

(Refrain)

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Cindy Berry

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