



**Greystone**  
Baptist Church

# The Worship of God

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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

“Above All”  
Pam Weis

by Paul Baloche and  
Lenny LeBlanc, arr. Mark Hayes

### Welcome

Christian McIvor

### † Call to Worship

One: O sing to the LORD a new song;

**All: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

One: Sing to the LORD, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.**

One: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

**All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**

One: Let the field exult, and everything in it.

**All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD;**

One: For God is coming to judge the earth.

**All: God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with truth.**

### † Opening Hymn 33

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST.DENIO;

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith,

Music Traditional Welsh Hymn melody

from John Roberts' *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839

*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 move about to place your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online at [greystonechurch.org](http://greystonechurch.org).*

### Offertory Anthem

“Behold the Rising of the Son”  
GBC Adult Choir

Words by Douglas Nolan,  
Music by Lloyd Larson

Behold the rising of the Son in golden glory now displayed,  
The shadowed gray of hatred's tomb now covered in the light of grace.  
The night that once had ruled our hearts surrenders to the dawn.  
The silence of the grave gives way to joyful song.

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing out with joyful praise. Let ev'ry voice be raised.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Speak to the skies the wonders God has done,

Behold the rising of the Son.

Behold the rising of the Son as morning gilds the sky.

The garden stands restored by love, surrounded by the fruits of life.

The tears that fell in grief and pain are joyously transformed.

The barren trees of winter are with color now adorned.

(Refrain)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Behold the rising of the Son, God's Son!

### † **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**

Will Moody

### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:26-31 & 2:4-8

Ron Thompson

### **Sermon**

*"The Whole World is in Our Hands"*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### **Silent Reflection**

### † **Musical Reflection**

*"Earth: Beloved Community"*

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2018

Verse: 1

**Through seasons of drought and seasons of rain,**

**will we be weakened or will we sustain?**

**We will reap just what we sow.**

**As the heavens drip and the gardens sprout,**

**the mountains quake and the stones cry out, let your rivers of justice flow.**

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

Chorus:

**We will treat ev'ry neighbor with love and with grace  
as we share the same journey through time and through space;  
We will care for our planet from the land to the sea,  
connected in creation's unity, here on  
Earth: beloved community.**

Verse 2:

**As the storms, they surge and the temperatures rise,  
and the people in power believe their own lies,  
we'll stay rooted in the vine.**

**Our love will not fail, compassion won't cease,  
interconnected as agents of peace,  
As our hearts, in You, align.**

(Chorus 2x)

## Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

## Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## † Hymn of Response 793 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX;

Words by Folliot S. Pierpoint, altered,  
Music by Conrad Kocher; arr by William H. Monk

## Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

## Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Postlude

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”  
Pam Weis

Traditional,  
arr. Pam Weis

*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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