

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 I Peter 2:5, 6

# The Worship of God

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 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.

At the beginning and end of today's service there will be a slide show of pictures from our summer experiences.

**Welcome** April Alston

# Call to Worship

# **† Opening Song**

"Start a Fire"

by Chad Mattson, Jonathan Lowry, and Seth Mosley

#### Verse 1:

This world can be cold and bitter,
Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better.
But am I really gonna hide forever?
Over and over again,
I hear Your voice in my head,
"Let Your light shine
Let Your light shine for all to see."

#### Chorus:

(And) start a fire in my soul,
Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying;
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You that it's You that we need;
Start a fire in me.

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† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol throughout the service.

### Verse 2:

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze, It only takes a little faith;
Let it start right here in this city
So these old walls will never be the same.
Over and over again,
I hear Your voice in my head.
They need to know I need to go,
Spirit, won't You fall on my heart now?

(Chorus)

## **Bridge**

You are the fire, You are the flame, You are the light on the darkest day. We have the hope, we bear Your name, We carry the news that You have come to save, Only You can save.

(Chorus)

Ending:

You are the fire, You are the flame, You are the light on the darkest day; Start a fire in me.

Scripture Isaiah 43:18-19a William Tatum

**Reflection** PASSPORT Youth Aaron Ng, Mia Ng

**Reflection** PASSPORT*kids!* Montana Alston, Sumner Eshleman

**Musical Reflection** 

"Big God"
GBC Youth and Children

by David and Colleen Burroughs

Verse 1:

We follow a big God: wondrous creator, Light of the whole world, shepherd and savior, Maker of mountains, mysterious and holy, Spirit of comfort always with you and me.

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#### Chorus 1:

We follow a big God who offers amazing grace, The God who made the starry skies delights in your shining face. God's love is deep and wide, God's love is strong and true, As big as the galaxy, as near as your next breath to you.

## Verse 2:

We follow a big God who gently calls your name, Step out on the water and never be the same. When faith feels so far away and waves rise around you, Do not be afraid, God's love has found you.

## (Chorus)

#### Verse 3:

We follow a big God who welcomes the world home. We are God's family, we can make love known. My hands can offer hope, my feet can cross a bridge Offering kindness; loving community shared.

(Chorus)

# **Prayer Experience**

Anna Beth Cross

## Reflection

Together for Hope Arkansas

Carl Dawson, Chrissy Williamson

# **† Musical Response**

"Build My Life"
Joel and Jonathan Ngandu

by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

#### Verse 1:

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring, Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You.

## Verse 2:

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name, Jesus, the only one who could ever save; Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, We live for You.

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#### Chorus:

Holy, there is no one like You,
There is none beside You,
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

(Verse 2, Chorus)

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation;
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken.

(Chorus)

Reflection

Group Mission Trips: Frederick, MD

Will Walker, Maya Walker

**Response** April Walker

# **† Musical Response**

"My Lighthouse"

by Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn

#### Verse 1:

In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures You won't walk out, Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

## Verse 2:

In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

## Chorus:

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You. Oh,
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore,

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#### Verse 3:

I won't fear what tomorrow brings, With each morning I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

(Chorus)

Bridge:

Fire before us You're the brightest You will lead us Through the storms (hey) (Repeat 3x)

(Chorus)

# **Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction** Chrissy Williamson

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