



# The Worship of God

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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** 

"'Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)'
with 'It is Well with My Soul'"
Pam Weis

arr. Bethany K. Smith and Mary McDonald

Welcome Steve Rose

† Call to Worship

One: Our soul waits for the Lord,

who is our help and shield.

All: Our hearts are glad,

because we trust in God's holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you.

**† Opening Hymn 207** "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

HOLY MANNA;

Words by Ken Bible and George Atkins, Music by William Moore

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

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

Pastoral Prayer Christian McIvor

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**

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Words by Michael Perry,

GBC Adult Choir

Music by Gustav T. Holst, arr. Mark Hayes

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end; We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our king; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, allelu. Amen!

## † Doxology 817

"O Bless the Gifts"

LAMB OF GOD;

Words: Trad., Music: Trad. Dutch Folk Song

O bless the gifts our hands have brought; And bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Jerry Chiles

Scripture Reading Luke 12:32-40 Cathy Perkinson

**Sermon** *"Positioned for Surprise"* 

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection** 

### **Musical Reflection**

### "All Belong Here" Christian McIvor

Words by Lenora Rand, Music by Hannah Rand

#### Verse 1:

When you're not sure who you really are, When all you feel is the shape of your scars And you have more wounds than you can count; Open your eyes, look all around, You aren't alone, this is your home.

#### Chorus:

Come and remember who you are here, Do this to remember who I am; Come and remember you belong here, All belong here.

#### Verse 2:

When you don't know how to forgive, When locked doors seem like the only way to live And you've got more questions than you can count; Open your eyes, look all around, You aren't alone, this is your home.

### Bridge:

At this table, come as you are; Broken and bleeding's okay. At this table, eat and be filled; Come and drink in this grace.

(Interlude) (Bridge) (Chorus)

## Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson, April Alston

**† Hymn of Response** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING; Words by Robert L. Edwards (alt), Music from *The Sacred Harp*, harm. James H. Wood

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

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Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

# **Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction** 

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude** 

"The Lord is My Shepherd (Medley)"
Pam Weis

arr. Don Wyrtzen

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