



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

Deacon Ordination | Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Pam Weis

arr. Pepper Choplin

Welcome

Chrissy Williamson

† Call to Worship

Cathy Perkinson

One: There are many gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in unique ways, but it is God's calling to which we respond.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

All: Together we seek after God, offering all that we have and all that we are in service of God and one another.

† Opening Hymn 667

“Lord, Speak to Me”

CANONBURY;

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal;

Music: Lowell Mason

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow
In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
Until Thy blessed face I see Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

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

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

Children's Sermon

Story of Heritage

Doug and Nina Cole

Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

Anthem

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

GBC Choir

By Peter Scholtes,
arr. John F. Wilson

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored,

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,
(Refrain)

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride,
(Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
(Refrain)

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

Story of Heritage

Amy Davis

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sylvia Cash

† Hymn

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

SERVANT SONG;

Words by Richard Gillard (alt),

Music by Richard Gillard, arr. Betty Pulkingham

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Litany of Deacon Ordination

Jerry Chiles

Leader: Brothers and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood within the church. Do you believe that you are truly called by God and Greystone Baptist Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Candidates: I believe I am so called.

Leader: Do you now in the presence of God and the church commit to assist in responding to the needs of this church family, to help bear burdens of grief, trouble or any kind of sorrows, and to assist in the ministries of Greystone?

Candidates: I do, with God's help.

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer, in the reading and study of the Scriptures, in stewardship of spiritual and material goods, in seeking the will of God for the church, and in promoting the unity of Christ's body?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a living example to all people and in all things seek not your own glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Greystone, in placing this mantle upon these servants, will you faithfully support them in their ministry?

People: We will, with God's help.

Leader: May the Lord empower all of us to fulfill the commitments we have made during this service today.

All: Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

Charge to the Deacons and the Congregation

Chrissy Williamson

Invitation to Respond

As our Hymn of Response is sung, all are invited to place your offering and pledge cards in the plates on either side of the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary. You can also make your pledge and offering online by scanning the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

† **Hymn of Response 589**

“Here I Am Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

Words: Daniel L. Schutte;
based on Isaiah 6:8, Music: Daniel L. Schutte

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have hear My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?**

(Refrain)

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?**

(Refrain)

† **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 Commitment**

John Meyer

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

Benediction

Chrissy Williamson

Postlude

“Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Pam Weis

arr. David Nevue

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