



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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Gathering Music

“We Have Come to Join in Worship”

HOLY MANNA;
Words by Ken Bible and George Atkins (1997)
Music attr. William Moore
from *Columbian Harmony* (1825)

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY;
Words by Henry van Dyke (1907),
Music by Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)
adapt. Edward Hodges

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Words and Music by Matt Maher

“Reckless Love”

Words and Music by Cory Asbury,
Caleb Culver, and Ran Jackson

Prelude

“Sing Your Praise to the Lord (with Fugue No. 2)”

Tim Hendrix

By Rich Mullins and
Johann Sebastian Bach,
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Christian McIvor

† Call to Worship

One: All are welcome to the Lord’s table.

All: Thank you, Lord, for our place at your table.

One: All are invited to the Lord’s banquet.

All: Forgive us, Lord, when we have not welcomed everyone.

One: Help us to remember, Lord, that we all walk this journey of life together.

All: There is room for us all. Help us to invite others into our homes and our hearts.

One: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see You in each person we meet.

All: May we be bearers of light, hope, and transformation in this world. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

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

Offertory Anthem

“Oh, How Good It Is”
GBC Choir

Words and Music by Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes,
and Stuart Townsend; arr. Joshua Spacht

Verse 1:

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

Chorus:

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people!

Verse 2:

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging
(Chorus)

Interlude:

Na, na, na, na, na, na...

Verse 3:

Oh how good it is to embrace His command,
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives (just as He did).
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.
(Chorus)

† Doxology 817

“O Bless the Gifts”

LAMB OF GOD;

Words by Samuel Longfellow, alt., Music by Twila Paris

**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

Amy Ng

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1-14

Gary Hollingsworth

Sermon

A Place at the Table

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Musical Response

“For Everyone Born”

Words by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that’s fair,
(Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
(Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
(Refrain)

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”
Pam Weis

HIDING PLACE;
Traditional American Melody,
arr. Dale Wood

Greystone Members,

Deacon Election Process: Annually, in accordance with the Bylaws of our Church Constitution, church members elect six members of the congregation to serve as Deacons for a three-year term. Adult men and women (18 years or older) may be nominated by the membership, provided the nominees have agreed to have their names put forth. This year, nominations will be accepted through noon, Friday, May 12, 2023.

The following people are ineligible to be nominated or elected this year:

Rotated off in 2022: Pat Boone, Lilian Grant, Joanne Thompson, Steve Wheeler, Elizabeth Worley

Rotating off in 2023: Chris Austin, Bill Baxley, Jerry Chiles, Carla LeNoir, Will Moody, Lisha Stewart

Continuing to serve: Blair Andrew, Julie Green, Tim Hendrix, Gary Hollingsworth, John Meyer, Laura Nelson, Amy Ng, Cathy Perkinson, Dave Phillips, Ramona Taylor, Ron Thompson, Keith Vaughn

For deacon, I nominate: _____

This person would be a good deacon because: _____

I have notified the above person(s) of my intention to nominate.

Signed: _____

Please secure the permission of the person(s) you nominate. Completed nomination forms should be submitted by noon on May 12, 2023, by (a) filling out on the church website, (b) submitting a completed paper nomination form at one of the in-person services, or to the office during office hours, (c) returning a completed paper nomination form by mail to Greystone Baptist Church, 7509 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC 27615, ATTN: Deacon Nominating.

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