

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Gathering Music** 

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE; Words by Katherine K. Davis (alt), Welsh Folk Melody

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

LAUDA ANIMA; Words by David Gambrell, Music by John Goss

"Shine"

Words and Music by Ed Roland

" In Light and Darkness"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2020

Prelude "Appalachian Sunrise"

Pam Weis

By Joseph M. Martin

Welcome Anna Beth Cross

**† Call to Worship** 

**† Opening Hymn** 

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell

Verse 1:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

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<sup>†</sup> Please rise in body or spirit.

### Verse 2:

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

### Verse 3:

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

### Verse 4:

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

### Verse 5:

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

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

Moment for Missions David Cross

Pastoral Prayer Christian McIvor

### Offertory

"This Is What We Came to Do" Christian McIvor

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2018

### Verse 1:

In all our journeys, you're never far, You let us know just who we really are. When we are weak, you make us strong; You give us breath and life to sing your song.

### Pre-chorus:

With ears wide open, we can hear your call, It's the sound of freedom and hope for all.

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Chorus:

We will bring your peace to all the people;

We will stand for justice in the truth;

Living in the light, giving of the love, breaking all the chains that keep us bound;

Sharing in the glory of your presence;

This is what we came to do.

Verse 2:

When we are weary, you give us rest, Your spirit guides us throughout every test. We're moving forward, we'll lead the way To a new creation, and it starts today.

(Pre-chorus)

(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**

Tim Hendrix

**Scripture Reading** 

John 8:1-12

Cathy Perkinson

Sermon

Light Up the World!

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection** 

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**† Musical Response** 

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE;

Words by Mary E. Byrne and Eleanor H. Hull, Traditional Irish Melody

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord. Born of thy love, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction** Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

By Doris Akers, arr. Mark Hayes

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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.

