



**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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

## Gathering Music

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS;  
Words by Thomas O. Chisholm,  
Music by William Marion Runyan

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX;  
Words by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint,  
Music by Conrad Kocher

“In My Life”

Words and music by John Lennon  
and Paul McCartney

“You Say”

Words and Music by Lauren Daigle,  
Jason Ingram, and Paul Mabury

## Prelude

“Prelude in F”  
Cynthia Griesedieck

By Ludwig van Beethoven,  
arr. Todd Kendall

## Welcome

Steve Rose

## † Call to Worship

One: Come and hear what God has done!

**All: God has made the world and breathed the breath of life into us!**

One: But there’s more! God is still on the scene, upholding all our life, surrounding us in loving-kindness and granting us the freedom to live into all we are called to be.

**All: We live, move, and have our very being in God!**

One: Let the sound of God’s praise be heard!

**All: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

† **Opening Hymn 33**     “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious— thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest— to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest— the true life of all.  
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free,  
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.**

**Great Mother of glory, pure Mother of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render— O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

*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

**Pastoral Prayer**

Anna Beth Cross

**Offertory Anthem**

“All Things New”  
GBC Choir

Words by Frances Havergal,  
Music by Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss,  
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;  
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,  
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,  
He is making all things new.  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear,  
He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,  
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;  
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,  
Love after wandering, life after tomb.

† **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**

Dave Phillips

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 17:22-31

**Sermon**

*Never Too Far*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection**

**Invitation**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† **Musical Response**

“In Christ, There is No East or West”

Words by John Oxenham, alt.,  
Music by Alexander Robert Reinagle

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding human kind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
what e'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

*This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.*

**Celebrating Community**

April Alston

**Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude**

“The God of Abraham Praise”  
Pam Weis

Arr. Gordon Young

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