

**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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

## Gathering Music

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK;  
Words by Cecil Frances Alexander,  
English melody, adapt. Martin Shaw

“Bring Many Names”

WESTCHASE;  
Words by Brian Wren,  
Music by Carlton Young

“What a Wonderful World”

Words and music by Bob Thiele  
and George Weiss

“Love Is Always the Answer”

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2023

## Prelude

“Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”  
Pam Weis

Arr. Charles Callahan

## Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

## ✠ Call to Worship

One: The first shall be last.

**All: We come to worship as we are.**

One: The last shall be first.

**All: We come with confidence.**

One: The first shall be last.

**All: We come with questions.**

One: The last shall be first.

**All: We come burdened by failure.**

One: The first shall be last.

**All: We come celebrating success.**

One: The last shall be first.

**All: We come fearful of the future.**

One: The first shall be last and the last shall be first

**All: and a little child shall lead them.**

✠ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

† **Opening Hymn 563**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Verse 1

**Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou has for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.**

Refrain:

**Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine.**

Verse 2

**Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Open my mouth and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my hear, and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share. (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 and Buddy Break Recognition**

Johnathan and Sumner Eshleman

**Pastoral Prayer**

Christian McIvor

**Offertory Anthem**

“Jesus, Lover of the Children”  
GBC Choir

By Ken Medema,  
arr. Sheldon Curry

Walking in the sunshine, laughing in the rain  
Lover of the children, make me young again.

Climbing in the treetops, running down the shore  
Lover of the children, make me young once more.

Vigorous and daring, teachable and mild  
Lover of the children, make me like a child.

Trusting through Your goodness, walking where You lead  
Lover of the children, make me young indeed.

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Make me young enough to know that alone I cannot go  
Through the darkness of the night  
Make me young enough to see  
That Your love will never let me go.

Make me open to surprise, put wonder in my eyes  
Make my vision clear and bright.  
Make me willing to be lead  
And to follow where You bid me go.

Fearing not tomorrow, trusting You today  
Lover of the children, make me young I pray.

### † **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**

Carla LeNoir

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:30-37

Tana Grace Alston

### **Sermon**

*“Welcome the Children”*

April Alston

### **Silent Reflection**

### **Invitation**

April Alston

### † **Musical Response**

“God of the Sparrow”  
*(See music and text on next page.)*

Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda,  
Music by Carl F. Shalk

### **Celebrating Community**

Anna Beth Cross

### **Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### **Sending Song**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”  
Led by GBC Children’s Choir

Traditional Zulu/Xhosa  
Freedom Song from South Africa

**We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)**  
**We are marching (marching, we are marching)**  
**Oo, we are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)**

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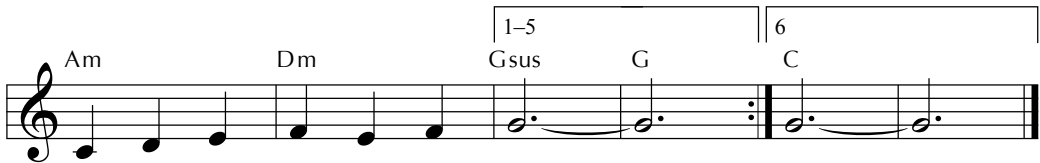
## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.*

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