



**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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

## Gathering Music

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS;

Words by John Fawcett,

Music by Johann George Näglei, arr. Lowell Mason

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE;

Words and music by Barbara Hamm

“At This Table”

Words and Music by Idina Menzel

and Jonas Carl Gustaf Myrin

“All Belong Here”

Words by Lenora Rand,

Music by Hannah Rand

## Prelude

“Thou Art the Way”

By David Paxton

Cynthia Griesedieck

## Welcome

April Alston

## † Call to Worship

## † Opening Song

“I’m Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table”

Led by the GBC Children’s Choir

WELCOME TABLE;

Traditional Black Spiritual

**I’m gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord;  
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah.  
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table;  
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days (one of these days).  
All God’s children gonna sit together; . . .  
We’re gonna eat and drink with Jesus; . . .  
We’re gonna feast on milk and honey; . . .  
Here all the world will find a welcome, O Lord;  
Here all the world will find a welcome yes, today, Hallelujah.  
Here all the world will find a welcome, the  
World will find a welcome here today (yes, today).**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

**Children's Sermon**

April Alston

**Pastoral Prayer**

Christian McIvor

**Moment for Missions**

April Walker

**Offertory**

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**  
GBC Choir

Traditional Black Spiritual,  
arr. Jay Althouse

Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.  
Let us drink the cup together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on me.

† **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**

Cathy Perkinson

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 14:15-24

Sylvia Cash

**Sermon**

*A Wide Invitation*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection**

## Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson and Christian McIvor

One: Jesus noticed how the invited guests sought out the best seats at the table. So, he began to teach.

**All: Invite! Everyone is important. Everyone is an honored guest. There is a place at the table for everyone.**

One: We do not know if Jesus himself was an honored guest at the dinner he attended. Yet he noticed all those invited were friends, rich neighbors or distinguished guests.

**All: All are invited to the table. All those marginalized in our society by gender, education, occupation, sickness, disability, socio-economic status, race or religious affiliation. Invite! Because God has invited us all.**

One: We do not know what was served at the table where Jesus was seated. Yet we can imagine a table laden with plenty as we hear the words of the dinner guest who says, "Happy are those who will feast in God's Kingdom."

**All: We experience God's Kingdom here as we extend the invitation to everyone—a place at the table for everyone. Equally. With plenty. With abundant room for all. Invite! There is a place at the table for everyone.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive the elements and take communion at the table or back at your seat.*

## Prayer after Communion

### † Musical Response

"There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTTGART;

Words by David Gambrell,

Music from Witt's *Psalmody Sacra*

**There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
peace and reconciliation  
with the God of endless life.**

**Call the lost and found together;  
tell the news to everyone:  
now the past is gone forever  
and a new life has begun.**

**Wrap the prodigal in welcome;  
run to greet the wayward child.  
All is finished and forgiven;  
let us now be reconciled.**

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**Come and join the celebration;  
come and join this happy feast;  
Jesus makes an invitation  
to the greatest and the least.**

**There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration,  
to the God of endless life!**

## **Celebrating Community**

Anna Beth Cross

## **Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## **Postlude**

**“Jubilation”**  
Tim Hendrix

By George F. Handel,  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

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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.*

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