

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering Music** 

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON;

Words by Robert Robinson, Music from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second

"Love Your Crooked Neighbor with Your Crooked Heart" Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2018

"Gratitude"

By Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe, and Benjamin Hastings

"The Answer"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2023

**Prelude** 

"'Mighty to Save' with 'Jesus Saves'"
Pam Weis

Arr. Bethany K. Smith and Mary McDonald

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### **† Call to Worship**

One: For just this hour,

All: Follow me

One: Listen to my word

All: Follow me

One: Think about your life as my disciple every day

All: Follow me

One: Pray

All: Follow me

One: Sing

All: Follow me

One: Come, let us worship God!

## **† Opening Hymn 207** "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak His mighty Word. All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

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

See them gather all around you, those He bought at such a cost; See the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost. Be His hand, and touch the needy; be His gospel, let it sound! Be His body, and sweet manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us care for all His people till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at His banquet we'll sit down; Christ Himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.

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

Children's Sermon Chris Austin

Pastoral Prayer Anna Beth Cross

**Offertory Anthem** 

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

GBC Choir

Text: Prayer of St. Francis; Music by Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Barnard

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace, your peace.

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**

Will Moody

**Scripture Reading** 

Matthew 4:18-23

Genice Nix

(New Living Translation)

Sermon

"Through the Experience of Fishing"

Stacy Pardue

**Silent Reflection** 

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

#### † Musical Response 583

"You Are My All in All"

Verse 1:

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek;

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool;

You are my all in all.

Refrain:

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

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Verse 2:

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless Your name;

You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup;

You are my all in all. (Refrain)

### **Celebrating Community**

Anna Beth Cross

**Benediction** Stacy Pardue

One: As you go out into the world

All: Follow me

One: At home with your household

All: Follow me

One: At school and work

All: Follow me

One: In everything you do this week

All: Follow me

One: And as you do, remember that I am with you always,

even to the end of the world.

Postlude "Find Us Faithful" By Jon Mohr

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This morning we welcome Stacy Pardue as our guest preacher. Stacy graduated from Yale University and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. She has been in ministry for 35 years, including Associate Minister to Adults at Greystone (1998-2010), Senior Pastor at Athens First Christian, Chaplain at Meredith College (past and current position), and has directed non-profit work. Stacy was a competitive tennis player and now slams the ball on the pickleball court! She is married to Sam, retired Dean at the University of Georgia; they have two grown children who grew up at Greystone-Caitlin is an attorney in Atlanta (moving soon to LA), and Taylor works in finance and his wife Rachel is a professor at Duke.



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