



**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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

## Gathering Music

“When We Are Living”

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR;  
Words by Roberto Escamilla,  
trans. Elise S. Eslinger and George Lockwood,  
Traditional Spanish Melody, arr. Barbara C. Mink

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM;  
Words and Music by Daniel L. Schutte

“Love the Lord”

Words and Music by  
Lincoln Brewster

“Draw Me Close”

Words and Music by  
Kelly Carpenter

## Prelude

“Is Your All on the Altar?”  
Cynthia Griesedieck

By Ron Loree

## Welcome

Steve Rose

## † Call to Worship

One: God, whose love endures throughout the generations.

**All: Let us remember that you are always with us.**

One: God, who makes the sun rise,

**All: Let us be guided by your light.**

One: God, who makes the streams flow,

**All: Let us rest in and be refreshed by your cleaning waters,**

One: God, who makes the winds blow,

**All: Let us be open to your wisdom through the changing seasons of our lives.**

One: With open eyes, open ears, open hearts, and open minds,

**All: Let us worship the God who nurtures, satisfies, and supplies all our needs.**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## † Opening Song

## “Living Stones”

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2020

Verse 1:

**Come! See! Let your heart be set on fire!  
And go! Tell! Add your voice now to the choir!  
Join us as we sound the invitation  
To work to bring about a new creation!**

Pre-chorus:

**Here, we are answering our call;  
Every member equipped to bring light and hope to all.**

Chorus:

**We will bring God’s reign near and in the love of Christ be led,  
Doing the Word, making it heard.  
And all are welcome here! Come to the table and be fed!  
From near and far, come as you are.  
Here, you will never be alone.  
In the glory of God, we’re building a church of living stones!**

Verse 2:

**Open up your mind to transformation  
That offers justice, peace, and liberation.  
Growing as we honor our tradition;  
Together, we’ll move forward in our mission.**

**(Pre-chorus, Chorus 2x)**

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

## Children’s Sermon

Kay Meyer

## Pastoral Prayer

Christian McIvor

## Offertory Anthem

“You Are My Light”  
GBC Choir

By Dave and Jean Perry

Lord, you are my Savior and my help in time of need,  
My refuge and my hope, O Lord, from fear now I am freed.  
When troubles come and skies grow dark, I'm safe within your hands.  
Though the nations war and people rage, by your side I'll take my stand.

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Refrain:

You are my light and my salvation. You are my hope through all my days.  
Let the people all be joyful. Let the faithful sing your praise:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to your holy hame.  
Sing hosannas, sing your glory evermore.  
Sing out your praise!

Walk beside me, Lord, and speak to me. Guide me in your path each day.  
When I stumble, Lord, or lose my way, be my guide, my light, my stay.  
Open now my eyes to your wisdom, Lord; to the beauty of each hour.  
Show me how to care. Teach me how to pray; share your wondrous love from day to day.

(Refrain)

Sing out your praise! Sing out your praise!

### † 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

Julie Green

### Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1

Sylvia Cash

### Sermon

“Everything is Vanity (Meaning)”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### Silent Reflection

### Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### † Musical Response

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING;

Words by Robert L. Edwards (alt.),

Music from *The Sacred Harp*, harm. James H. Wood

**God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:**

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gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

## **Celebrating Community**

Steve Rose

## **Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## **Postlude**

“Be Strong in the Lord”  
Pam Weis

By Tom Fetzke

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