



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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Gathering Music

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

“I Will Follow”

“This Is the End”

“I Give Myself Away”

Words and Music by Doris Akers

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin,
Jason Ingram, and Reuben Morgan

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2018

Words and Music by Sam Hinn
and William McDowell

Prelude

“Knowing You”

Pam Weis

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Christian McIvor

† Call to Worship

One: We are called by God

All: to follow where Christ leads;

One: to follow what Christ commands

All: even when it is not easy.

One: Each of us has crosses to bear.

All: So, let us take them up together,

One: shouldering that which wounds us and leads us astray

All: and following the Way that always leads us to find new life.

† 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.

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† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

**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 Father of glory, pure Father 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

Steve Rose

Offertory Anthem

**"Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"
GBC Choir**

Words by John Parker,
Music by David Lantz III

Bread of Life, feed my soul.
Prepare my heart for your control.
Stir your Spirit, make me whole.
Bread of Life, feed my soul.

O Bread of Life, feed my soul.

Fill my mouth with words of grace
and blend your love into my heart.
Add your mercy to my face.
Bread of Life, feed my soul.

O Bread of Life, feed my soul.

Then will I live to serve humankind,
to offer pardon and relief;
sharing the light with the blind.
Bread of Life, feed my soul.

O Bread of Life, feed my soul.

O Bread of Life, feed my soul,
feed my soul.

† **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**

Keith Vaughn

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Sylvia Cash

Sermon

“How To Lose Your Life”

John Vestal

Silent Reflection

Invitation

April Alston

† **Musical Response**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Traditional Black Spiritual

**I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

John Vestal

Postlude

“Worthy of Worship”
Pam Weis

by Mark Blankenship

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