



**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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

## Gathering Music

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDTH;  
Words by William Kethe,  
Music attr. Louis Bourgeois

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

AR HYDY NOS;  
Words by Fred Pratt Green,  
Welsh Melody

“Give a Little Bit”

Words and Music  
by Roger Hodgson and Rick Davies

“Build My Life”

Words and Music by Brett Younker,  
Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett

## Prelude

“Gigue”

by Douglas E. Wagner

*Let them praise his name in the dance - Ps. 149:3*  
Pam Weis

## Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## † Call to Worship

One: Can you imagine unfettered love?  
Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?  
Can you imagine a home—safe and bright,  
With impromptu dancing, meals around table, and laughter late into the night?  
Can you imagine faith like a compass  
That guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope; That asks questions  
and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?  
Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?  
Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?  
A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?  
Can you imagine?

**All: Yes, we can imagine.**

One: Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.  
And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

**All: Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered love.**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

*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

**Family Dedication**

The Conley Family

**Pastoral Prayer**

Steve Rose

**Stewardship Moment**

Luke Andrew

**Offertory Anthem**

“Bwana Awabariki  
(May God Give You a Blessing)”  
GBC Choir

Swahili Folk Hymn, arr. Eugene Butler

Bwana, Bwana,

**Swahili Refrain:**

Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki,  
Bwana awabariki milele.

(Swahili Refrain repeats 3x)

Ukimcha Bwana, Bwana awabariki.  
Ukimcha Bwana, Bwana awabariki,

*(cont’d on the next page)*

(Swahili Refrain 2x)

Lord, Lord,

**English Refrain:**

May God give you a blessing, may God give you a blessing,  
May God give you a blessing evermore.

(English Refrain repeats 2x)

Revere the Lord. May God give you a blessing.  
Pray to the Lord. May God give you a blessing.

(Swahili Refrain 2x)

✠ **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**

Laura Nelson

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 12:38-44

Cathy Perkinson

**Sermon**

*“Reimagine Ourselves... Honestly?”*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection**

**Invitation**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

✠ **Musical Response**

“Gratitude”

Words and Music by Brandon Lake,  
Dante Bowe, and Benjamin Hastings

**Verse 1:**

**All my words fall short,  
I got nothing new.  
How could I express  
All my gratitude?**

**Verse 2:**

**I could sing these songs  
As I often do,  
But every song must end  
And You never do.**

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**Chorus:**

So, I throw up my hands  
And praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.  
And I know it's not much,  
But I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Verse 3:**

I've got one response,  
I've got just one move;  
With my arms stretched wide,  
I will worship You.

(Chorus 2x)

**Celebrating Community**

Christian McIvor

**Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Cindy Berry

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## **A Time of Dedication**

**Millie Marie Conley**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- Philippians 4:13

We welcome to Greystone this morning Millie Marie Conley, daughter of Erik and Hannah. Through this dedication, the family pledges to raise Millie in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and Greystone pledges our support in their efforts so that when Millie reaches an appropriate age she may choose for herself to follow Jesus Christ as Lord.