

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

"lesus Knows the Inmost Heart"

LOE DE ÍSÁ:

Pashto hymn trans. Alison Blenkinsop; Music anonymous arr. Geoff Weaver

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

I'LL FLY AWAY;

Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan, Music by Albert E. Brumley, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

"Graves into Gardens"

by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,

Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hammer

"Way Maker"

Words and Music by Osinachi Kali Okra Egbu

Prelude

"I Must Tell Jesus"
GBC Handbell Choir

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Call to Worship

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of an unfettered love that changed the world.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of how we live and how we long to live.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: Because we are forgetful people.

One: So may we remember who we are.

All: May we release the narratives that trap us.

One: May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.

All: And may we work toward restoration. One: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

All: Let us worship holy God.

[†] Please rise in body or spirit.

† Opening Hymn 486

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION;

Text: Joseph Hart; Refrain, source unknown Music: Trad. American melody; Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Verse 1:

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O, There are ten thousand charms.

Verse 2:

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Verse 3:

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him. (Refrain)

Verse 4:

Come, ye weary, heaven laden, Lost and ruined by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all. (Refrain)

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

Musical Reflection "Give Me Jesus"

Black Spiritual arr. Bill Ingram

GBC Handbell Choir

Pastoral Prayer Anna Beth Cross

Stewardship Moment Tana Grace Alston

Offertory Anthem

"Psalm 23" GBC Choir

Chines Folk Melody arr. L. Eugene Oldham

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, fear no evil;

For Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me,

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table in the presence of my enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil.

My cup runneth over, my cup runneth over, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house, the house of the Lord forever, forever,

Forever, forever.

Amen.

† 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

Genesis 33:1-17

Eddy Ng

Sermon

"When Giving Becomes a Gift (Restoration)" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Musical Response

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS; Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2:

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

Verse 3:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Sending Song

"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

by Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow

Higher voices start, then lower voices enter. Repeat ad lib.



Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude Caroline Carlson

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