



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

October 29, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music	“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”	CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT; Words and Music by Bernadette Ferrell
	“For Everyone Born”	FOR EVERYONE BORN; Words by Shirley Arena Murray, Music by Brian Mann
	“Gratitude”	Words and Music by Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe, and Benjamin Hastings
	“The Answer”	Words and Music by Christian Mclvor ©2023

Prelude	“How Great Thou Art” Susan Gardner	O STORE GUD; Text: Stuart K. Hine, Music: Swedish Folk melody; adapt. By Stuart K. Hine
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Welcome Christian Mclvor

† Call to Worship

One: We give praise to our God who gathers us as one people.

All: We delight in our God who has mercy upon us.

One: We seek to be one with those seeking home, those seeking safety,
those needing welcome.

All: Open our eyes that we may see the sufferings of displaced people.

One: We pray for those whose lives have been dislocated by war, famine and injustice -
and we welcome them to find sanctuary among us.

All: Open our ears that we may hear the cries of those deep in despair.

One: We open our doors to all those who search for a new life, a new home, a new promise.

All: Guide our mouths that we might speak words of hope.

One: Give us open hearts that we may be truly welcoming to the stranger in our midst.

**All: God, remind us that through our acts of love and hospitality we are restored to you.
Amen.**

† 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

April Alston

Stewardship Moment

Bob Millikan

Offertory Anthem

“Welcome to God’s Love”
GBC Choir

Words by Lindy Thompson,
Music by Mark Miller

Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds
this gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.

Every person has a place in this holy, sacred space,
earth's entire human race, welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome! Welcome! Come and feel God's love!

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No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth
from God, who made the heavens and earth. Welcome to God's love.

We'll love each other and take care of every need encountered there,
within God's heart there is room to spare. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to God's love!
Come, and live God's love!

† **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**

Sammy Roberts

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:6-18

Michael-David Rowe

Sermon

“Tiny Ripples of Hope”

Lin Story-Bunce

Silent Reflection

Invitation

April Alston

† **Musical Response**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Words and Music by Doris Akers

Verse 1:

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

Verse 2:

**There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” (Refrain)**

Sending Song

“Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

by Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow

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



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of two phrases, each repeated. The first phrase starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The second phrase starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'Peace, Sa-laam, Sha-lom, ___' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Benediction

Lin Story-Bunce

Postlude

“Our Great Savior”
Susan Gardner

HYFRYDOL; Text: J. Wilbur Chapman,
Music: Rowland H. Richard,
arr. by Robert Harkness

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We welcome Lin Story-Bunce as our guest preacher this morning. Lin has served as one of the pastors of the College Park community since 2009. Lin is a native of Lexington, NC, where her family still calls home. She earned a B.S. in Math Education from Campbell University (which she rarely uses) and a Master of Divinity degree from Wake Forest University School of Divinity. A lifelong athlete, Lin played soccer in college for the Fighting Camels. She is married to Caryanne Story-Bunce who is an educator in Greensboro. Together, Lin and Caryanne enjoy trying to keep up with their children, Loukas, Maryn, Rya, and Paxton. They also adore their two aging pups, Wake and Parker. Lin is a teacher, preacher, dreamer and procrastinator who has a knack for trying to do way too many things in far too little time.

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