



**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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

## Gathering Music

“Live into Hope”

TRURO;

Words by Jane Parker Huber,  
Music from *Musica Sacra*

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME;

Words by Ruth Duck,  
Irish Melody arr. Alfred V. Fedak

“This Is the End”

Words and Music  
by Christian McIvor ©2018

“Peace Be Still”

Words and Music by Mia Fieldes,  
Andrew Holt, and Hope Dorst

## Prelude

“Jonathan’s Lullaby”  
Cynthia Griesedieck

by Joseph M. Martin

## Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## ✠ Call to Worship

One: Through Moses, God said,

**All: “Let my people go.”**

One: In scripture, the law declares:

**All: “In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.”**

One: With grace, Jesus said:

**All: “Give one coat away.”**

One: With honesty, Jesus taught:

**All: “Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”**

One: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free,  
dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

**All: So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us.**

**May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts, so that we can walk  
freely with God.**

One: Let it be so.

**All: Amen.**

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

## † Opening Song

## “Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

Words and Music by Cody Carnes,  
Austin Davis, and Chandler Moore

### Verse 1:

Christ is my firm foundation,  
The rock on which I stand.  
When everything around me is shaken,  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down.  
He's faithful through generations,  
So why would He fail now?

### Chorus 1:

He won't,  
He won't.

### Verse 2:

I've still got joy in chaos,  
I've got peace that makes no sense.  
So, I won't be going under;  
I'm not held by my own strength.  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus,  
He's never let me down.  
He's faithful in every season,  
So why would He fail now?

### Chorus 2:

He won't,  
He won't.  
He won't fail,  
He won't fail.

(Verse 1)

(Chorus 2)

## Pastoral Prayer

Christian McIvor

## Stewardship Moment

Linda Peterson

## Offertory

### "The Lord's Prayer" Christian Mclvor and Pam Weis

by Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth,  
As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
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

John Meyer

## Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Sylvia Cash

## Sermon

*"Learning to Release"*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Silent Reflection

## Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## † Musical Response

### "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA;  
Zulu/Xhosa Song from South Africa,  
trans. Gracia Grindal

**We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.**  
(Repeat 3x)

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**Zulu/Xhosa:** (pronunciation Si-ya-hahm-bah koo kahn-yen-kwen-kos)  
**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',**  
**siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**  
(Repeat 3x)

**We are dancing . . .**

**We are praying . . .**

**We are singing . . .**

## **Celebrating Community**

Anna Beth Cross

## **Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## **Postlude**

**“Meditation on How Great Thou Art”**  
Pam Weis

arr. Albert Zabel

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