



**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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

## Gathering Music

“Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works”

LACQUIPARLE;

Words by Joseph R. Renville trans. Philip Frazier;  
Dakota melody harm. Emily R. Brink

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX; Words by  
Folliott Sandford Pierpoint,  
Music by Conrad Kocher

“God of Wonders”

Words and Music by Marc Byrd  
and Steve Hindalong

“Indescribable”

Words and Music by  
Jesse Reeves and Laura Story

## Prelude

“Count Your Blessings”

arr. Dick Torrans

Cynthia Griesedieck

## Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

## † Call to Worship

One: When I think of God’s presence in the world, I am grateful:

**All: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

One: And when I think of God’s presence in my life, I am humbled:

**All: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

One: And when I think of God’s presence in this community, I am glad:

**All: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## ✠ Opening Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE; Words by  
Katherine K. Davis (alt.),  
Welsh folk melody harm. Gerald H. Knight

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

*During the last stanza of our Opening Hymn,  
all children are invited to come forward for today's children's sermon.*

## Children's Sermon

Elizabeth Santana

## Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

## Offertory Anthem

“Grace”  
GBC Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch, a wretch like me;  
I once was lost but now am found;  
I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And that same grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already safely come;  
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And surely, surely grace will lead me home,  
I shall go home.

*(cont'd on the next page)*

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than since the day we first begun,  
Than since the day we first begun.

† **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**

Dave Phillips

**Scripture Reading**

Psalms 95:1-7

Carol Allen

**Sermon**

“Grateful Living: Seeing with Soft Eyes”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Silent Reflection**

**Invitation**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† **Musical Response**

“Know That God Is Good”

(See music and text on next page)

MUNGU NI MWEMA;  
Song from the Democratic Republic  
of the Congo, arr. Edo Bumba

**Celebrating Community**

Christian McIvor

**Sending Song**

“Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

by Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow

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

Peace, Sa-laam, Sha-lom, \_\_\_      Peace, Sa-laam, Sha-lom, \_\_\_

**Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude**

“To God Be the Glory”  
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Cindy Berry

# "Know That God Is Good"

(Sing each line twice)

1 Know that God is good. Know that  
2 Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le,  
Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu

God is good; hal - le - lu - jah. ni mwe - ma.  
Know that Hal - le, Mu - ngu God is good;  
hal - le - lu - jah, ni mwe - ma.

God is good; hal - le - lu - jah, ni mwe - ma,  
God is good. hal - le - lu - jah. ni mwe - ma.

This engaging song from central Africa is based on an affirmation that recurs in numerous psalms (34:8; 73:1; 100:5; 135:3; 145:9) as well as several other books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Both the brief text (in English, Hebrew, and Shona) and the musical parts are easily learned.

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