



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

November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN;
Words from Münster *Gesangbuch* (1677),
Silesian Folk Melody

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK; Words by
Cecil Frances Alexander,
English Melody adapt. Martin Shaw

“Sing Wherever I Go”

Words and Music by Andrew Bergthold,
Ed Cash, Frank Cash, Kyle Brisket,
Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

Words and Music by
Martin Smith

Prelude

“We Gather Together”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome

Steve Rose

✠ Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord with new melodies and songs;

All: We gather to lift our voices together!

One: Praise the Lord whose voice sounded all things into being;

All: We sing praise to the Lord who made the heavens and the earth!

One: Praise the Lord who loves compassion, justice, and reconciliation;

All: We praise the God in whose steadfast love we live, move, and have our being!

One: Praise the Lord who gives us living hope;

All: In gratitude, our hearts rejoice because we trust in God.

✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

✠ Opening Hymn 90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY;

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from *Ninth Symphony*;
adapt. By Edward Hodges

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Changing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother— all who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine!**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, leading us with mercy’s hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!**

*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

Pastoral Prayer

Christian McIvor

Offertory Anthem

“Look at the World”
GBC Choir

by John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

Refrain:

Praise to three, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share and every blessing,
All things come of thee.

(cont’d on the next page)

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:
(Refrain)

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:
(Refrain)

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heavens above:
(Refrain)

All things come of thee.

† 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

Gary Hollingsworth

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Cory Brown

Sermon

“We Give Thanks”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Musical Response

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING;
Words and Music by Robert Lowry

**My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

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Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
(Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?
(Refrain)

Celebrating Community

April Alston

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

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
Susan Gardner

by George J. Elvey

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