



Greystone
Baptist Church

A Service of Worship and Ordination

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Gathering Music

“Peace Be Still”

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

“I’m Gonna Fly”

Words and Music by
Amy Grant

“Multiplied”

Words and Music by
Bear Rinehart and Bo Rinehart

“A Prayer for Grace”

Words and Music by
Michael Warren
and Morgan Harper Nichols

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”
Pam Weis

Irish Melody
arr. Joel Raney

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Call to Worship

GBC Youth

We are gathered here today to worship, celebrate, and respond to the call of God. We have come to acknowledge God’s gifts in each other and in the invitation of one among us to serve. We have come to reaffirm our own callings, to remember God’s call to each of us: To be people whose lips speak words of grace and hope, whose feet move swiftly to assist the helpless, whose hands grow strong in the cause of love and justice, whose hearts quicken in the service of reconciliation and care, and whose spirits encourage the oppressed and neglected. God be with us.

†Opening Song

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

Words by John L. Bell
and Graham Maule,
Scottish Melody arr. John L. Bell

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

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**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Children’s Sermon

Paxton Vaughn

Pastoral Prayer

April Alston

Time of Testimony

Anna Beth Cross

Offertory Song

“For Everyone Born”
David Cross, Laura Heredia & Davis Mann

FOR EVERYONE BORN
Words by Shirley Erena Murray
Music by Brian Mann

Verse 1:

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

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Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!

Verse 2:

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

Verse 3:

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

Verse 4:

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

†Doxology

“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

Trish Boone

Scripture

Luke 5:17-26, Jeremiah 18:1-6 (CEB)

Ann Carol and Tim Mann

Sermon

“Willing to Be Carried”

Valerie Burton

Covenant of Ordination

Chrissy Tatum Williamson,
Cathy Perkinson, Anna Beth Cross

Laying on of Hands

Cathy Perkinson

†Musical Response

“Living Stones”

Words and Music by Christian McIvor
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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)

Gifts of Ordination

Chrissy Tatum Williamson,
Cathy Perkinson, Trish Boone

Celebrating Community

Aaron Ng

Benediction

Valerie Burton

Postlude

“The Power of Your Love”
Pam Weis

By Geoff Bullock, arr. Jane Holstein

Ordination Council for Anna Beth Cross

Trish Boone, Greystone

Rev. David Burroughs, Passport Camps

Rev. Valerie Burton, Baptist Church of the Covenant

Rev. Chris Cherry, FBC Greensboro

Claire Kent, Grace Fellowship

Aaron Ng, Greystone

Cathy Perkinson, Chair, Greystone

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Paxton Vaughn, Greystone

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*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

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