



**Greystone**  
Baptist Church

# The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

## Gathering Music

“I Danced in The Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE  
Words by Sydney Carter,  
American Shaker Melody  
adapt. Sydney Carter

“Great Are You Lord”

Words and Music by  
Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan,  
and David Leonard

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Words by George Matheson,  
Music by Christopher Miner

“River”

Words and Music by Christian Mclvor  
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## Prelude

“ I Will Bless Thee, O Lord’ with ‘Great Is the Lord”

Sandra Hunt  
arr. Carol Tornquist

## Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## †Call to Worship

One: God was not ashamed to love me.

**All: I remember God’s love from the waters of baptism.**

One: God loves so fully offering the world salvation.

**All: Jesus doesn’t mind that we are all different, all unique.**

One: Jesus didn’t cast anyone out, didn’t send anyone away,  
but embraced me, embraced us all, as a part of God’s diverse family.

**All: Come, Spirit, come!**

One: Fill us with this same unashamed love.

**All: Come, Spirit, come!**

One: Lead us to share the love that we have come to know in you.

**All: Come, Spirit, come! Let us bear witness to this good news.**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

†**Opening Hymn #207**     “We Have Come to Join in Worship”

We have come to join in worship And adore the Lord our God.  
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak His mighty Word.  
All is vain unless the Spirit Of the Holy One comes down.  
Christians, pray, and holy manna Will be showered all around.

See them gather all around you, Those He bought at such a cost;  
See the Weary, see the hurting, See the lonely, see the lost.  
Be His hand, and touch the needy; Be his gospel, let it sound!  
Be His body, and sweet manna Will be showered all around.

Let us move our God supremely; Let us love each other too.  
Let us care for all His people Till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven; At His banquet we'll sit down;  
Christ Himself will rise and serve us Living manna all around.

**Children's Sermon**

Kay Meyer

**Pastoral Prayer**

Anna Beth Cross

## Offertory Anthem

### "Circle of Love" GBC Choir

by Pepper Choplin

A circle goes 'round and 'round again. It has no beginning and has no end for  
It will be spinning eternally.

A circle was drawn by God's hand. Filled with love, it will expand to  
Welcome all who will hear the call to join in  
Love, circle of love, of love. Join in the circle of  
Love, join in the circle of love.

God gives love and that's enough for all who need a holy touch of  
Love and care open hearts can share.

God will touch many hearts, make us one from many parts and  
We will be joined in unity. We're joined in  
Love, circle of love, of love. Join in the circle of  
Love, join in the circle of love.

So come together and gather 'round, share the circle of love we've found.  
God is the center and God surrounds us with His love,  
With His holy love, with His holy love.

The circle of love goes 'round again and its power shall never end, for  
Love will be living eternally.

Love is strong, love is great. Come together and celebrate and  
Welcome all as we hear the call, to share the Love,

The circle of love was formed by God's hand. Filled with love, it will expand.  
Share the circle of love we've found. God is the center and God surrounds.  
Love strong, love is great, come together and join in the circle of love.  
Join in the circle of love, of love.

This circle of love goes 'round again, it has no beginning and has no end,  
No end.

## †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

Blair Andrew

## Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Laura Heredia

## Sermon

*"What is to prevent me?"*

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## Silent Reflection

## Communion

Chrissy Tatum Williamson  
and Delaney Metcalf

## †Hymn of Response #90

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

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 heaven reflect Thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting 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 over 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!

## **Celebrating Community**

Steve Rose

## **Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

## **Postlude**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”  
Pam Weis

Arr. Mary McDonald

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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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