



Greystone
Baptist Church

The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

Gathering Music

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER;
Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda,
Music by Carl F. Schalk

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

TENDERNESS;
Words by Shirley Erena Murray,
Music by Colin Gibson

“Big Yellow Taxi”

Words and Music by
Joni Mitchell

“So Will I (100 Billion X)”

Words and Music By
Joel Houston, Benjamin Hastings,
and Michael Fatkin

Prelude

“Within These Pages”

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor
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Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

†Call to Worship

One: O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

All: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

One: Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

All: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

‡Please rise in body or spirit.

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One: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

All: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

One: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

All: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

†Opening Hymn #793

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Children’s Sermon

April Alston

Scripture

Mark 4:30-32

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rooted in the Earth

Christian McIvor

Musical Reflection

“Loving What God Loves”

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Verse 1:

We feel the weather shifting as we watch the waters rise,

And as the seasons go on drifting, we keep poisoning our skies.

But is there time to turn around and change our way of living,

So that the hills’ and valleys’ sound transforms from groaning back to singing?

Chorus:

When storms rage and fires burn and our hearts are filled with fear,

When “Be still and know” are the words we long to hear,

We’ll let God’s river carry us from the mountains to the sea and

Loving what God loves, we will work together to set creation free.

Verse 2:

These hurricanes bring thunder and destruction all around,
But still the stars, they hang in wonder as new life springs from the ground.
And in the middle of it all, we work out our salvation,
And we'll remember that we're called to bring all things to liberation.

(Chorus 2x)

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

Offertory Anthem

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
GBC Choir

Words and music by
Sebastian Temple
arr. Mark Barnard

†Doxology

"All Creatures of Our God And King"

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn Sing

- #33 "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"
- #139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
- #90 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

HYMN TO JOY;
Words by Jane Parker Huber,
Music by Ludwig van Beethoven,
adapt. Edward Hodges

**God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.**

**God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Invitation

†Musical Response

“Earth: Beloved Community”

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Verse 1:

**Through seasons of drought and seasons of rain
Will we be weakened, or will we sustain?
We will reap just what we sow.**

**As the heavens drip and the gardens sprout,
The mountains quake and the stones cry out.
Let your rivers of justice flow.**

Chorus:

**We will treat every neighbor with love and with grace
As we share the same journey through time and through space;
We will care for our planet from the land to the sea,
Connected in creation's unity, here on
Earth: beloved community.**

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Verse 2:

**As the storms, they surge, and the temperatures rise,
And the people in power believe their own lies,
We'll stay rooted in the vine.**

**Our love will not fail, compassion won't cease,
Interconnected as agents of peace,
As our hearts, in you, align.**

(Chorus 2x)

† Sending Song

“Grateful”

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor

We are grateful for the home that we all share;
Together, we will hold creation in our care.

**We are grateful for the home that we all share;
Together, we will hold creation in our care. *(Repeat ad lib)***

Benediction

Christian Mclvor

Postlude

“What a Wonderful World”

Words and Music by Bob Thiele
and George David Weiss

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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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