







Greystone Baptist Church 40th Anniversary 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 I Peter 2:5, 6

The Worship of God

October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering Music

"When the Poor Ones"

DOR Ones" EL CAMINO Words by José Antonio Olivar and Miguel Manzano trans. George Lockwood Music by J.A. Olivar and M. Manzano arr. Alvin Schutmaat

"Come! Live in the Light!"

WE ARE CALLED Words and Music by David Haas

"Earth: Beloved Community"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2018

"Love Your Crooked Neighbor with Your Crooked Heart" Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2018

Prelude

"We're Marching to Zion"
Pam Weis

by Robert Lowry arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

†Call to Worship

One: Our God, Creator and Sustainer of all life

All: instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.

One: We come, giving the funds, time, and gifts God has given us

All: cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure,

One: Trusting that in our upside-down life of the Gospel,

All: our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away.

One: We give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God,

All: to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving.

[†] Please rise in body or spirit.

†Opening Hymn

"Living Stones"

Words and Music by Christian McIvor ©2020

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)

Children's Sermon

Lou Dawson

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Beth Cross

Moment for Stewardship

Ramona Taylor

Offertory Anthem

"Welcome to God's Love"

Words by Lindy Thompson Music by Mark A. Miller

Families of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds this gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.

Every person has a place in this holy, sacred space, earth's entire human race, welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome! Welcome! Come and feel God's love!

No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth from God, who made the heavens and earth. Welcome to God's love.

We'll love each other and take care of every need encountered there, within God's heart there is room to spare. Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to God's love! Come, and live God's love!

†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

Keith Vaughn

Scripture

Proverbs 22:17-29

Sebastian Heredia

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Word to the Wise: Be Generous

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

†Hymn of Response

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ervant" THE SERVANT SONG Words by Richard Gillard (alt.) Music by Richard Gillard arr. Betty Pulkingham

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

†Sending Song

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

South African Freedom Song English trans. Garcia Grindal

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

We are marching, marching, we are marching, Ooh, we are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

†Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Pam Weis

by Oliver Holden arr. Janet Vogt

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