



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 1 Peter 2:5, 6*

# The Worship of God

January 26, 2025

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

## Gathering Music

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
GBC Worship Band

IN BABILONE  
Words by Frederick W. Faber (alt.)  
Dutch Melody arr. Julius Röntgen

“Reckless Love”

Words and Music by  
Caleb Culver, Cody Asbury, and Ran Jackson

“The End”

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2018

“If I Had a Hammer”

Words and Music by  
Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

## Prelude

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”  
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. John Purifoy

## Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

## † Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

**All: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.**

One: To proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,

**All: to set the oppressed free.**

One: Let us worship the God who shows us how to act with love in the world;

**All: Let us worship the God of justice and peace!**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## † Opening Hymn

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS  
Words and Music by Marty Haugen

### Verse 1:

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

### Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

### Verse 2:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

(Refrain)

### Verse 3:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

(Refrain)

## Children's Sermon

April Alston

## Pastoral Prayer

Paxton Vaughn

## Offertory

“Circle of Love”

Words and Music 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 there'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 is 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.  
(Repeat)**

## †Prayer of Dedication

Steve Rose

## Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Montana Alston

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**†Hymn of Response**

“Live into Hope”

TRURO  
Words by Jane Parker Huber  
Music from *Musica Sacra* c. 1778

**Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!**

**Live into hope! We all shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.**

**Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

**Celebrating Community**

Christian McIvor

**†Sending Song**

“The Answer” (Chorus)

Word and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2023

**Love is always the answer,  
Whatever the question may be;  
Yes, love is always the answer  
For a world where all can be set free.**

**†Benediction**

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

**Postlude**

“Our Hearts in Christian Love”  
Pam Weis

by Mark Roberts

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