



**WORDS
MATTER:**
**SPEAKING ^B
FOR JUSTICE**



Greystone
Baptist Church

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Bulletin Artwork

GBC Youth

*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

June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost | Youth and Graduate Sunday

Gathering Music

“God of Justice”
GBC Worship Band

GUIDE MY FEET
Traditional Black Spiritual

“Follow You”

Words and Music by
Ben Rector

“Justice Will Roll Down”

Words and Music
by Sandra McCracken

“Big God”

Words and Music
by David and Colleen Burroughs

Prelude

““Open the Eyes of my Heart’
with ‘Be Thou My Vision’”
Pam Weis

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

Opening Video

What does justice mean to you?

✠ Opening Song

“Start a Fire”

Words and Music by Seth Mosley
Chad Mattson, and Johnathan Lowry

Verse 1:

**This world can be cold and bitter,
Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better.
But am I really gonna hide forever?
Over and over again,
I hear Your voice in my head,
“Let Your light shine,
Let Your light shine for all to see.”**

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✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

Chorus:

Start a fire in my soul,
Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying;
Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You that it's You that we need;
Start a fire in me.

Verse 2:

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze,
It only takes a little faith;
Let it start right here in this city
So these old walls will never be the same.
Over and over again,
I hear Your voice in my head.
They need to know I need to go,
Spirit, won't You fall on my heart now? (Chorus)

Bridge:

You are the fire, You are the flame,
You are the light on the darkest day.
We have the hope, we bear Your name,
We carry the news that You have come to save,
Only You can save. (Chorus)

Children's Sermon

Montana Alston, Charlotte Davis, and Ivylynn Spruill

Senior Story

Sarah Hunt

Offertory

"Do, Love, Walk"
GBC Youth and Worship Band

by David and Colleen Burroughs

†Doxology

"Doxology for Humanity"

LAMB OF GOD
Words by Kurt Struckmeyer ©2013
Music by Twila Paris

Praise life that makes us change and grow
Praise love that makes compassion flow
Praise peace that ends all strife and fear
Praise hands that work for justice here
(Repeat)

Prayer

Joel Ngandu

Senior Story

Jonathan Ngandu

Scripture

Acts 2:1-8 (CEB) and Isaiah 1:17

Aidan Eshleman,
Sumner Eshleman,
Mia Ng, and Uel Ngandu

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Senior Story

Aidan Eshleman

†Musical Response

“For Everyone Born”

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,**

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)**

Graduation Blessing

Anna Beth Cross and April Alston

One: We stand in awe and humility, O God our Creator,

All: Of the good gifts that you have shared with us through these graduates.

One: You have instilled in them an insatiable curiosity
About your world, your people, and your earth.

**All: This curiosity, this thirst for truth,
Has led them here to this place,**

One: And we are so grateful for the privilege to hold them close

All: As they grew, struggled, discovered, and flourished.

One: And now, as they go from here,
We ask that you would graciously continue to fill them

All: With a deep and abiding knowledge of your love for them.

One: And we, who remain here, ask that you would fill us

All: With a deep and abiding love to continue loving them in their transitions.

One: Graduates,

**All: As you move into your next chapter, know that we hold you in our hearts,
and that you carry this community with you.**

One: We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,

All: To tend to the world and help set it right once again.

One: May you have an open heart to feel the world's pain,

All: And courage enough to not be overwhelmed by its suffering.

One: May you pour out love to every person you encounter,

All: Seeing the Image of the Divine that sparks within each human.

One: We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,

All: To add beauty in this world.

One: May you be filled with imagination

All: So that you can see the hope of resurrection and let it shine through you.

One: May you live your life with an awareness that real life is happening to you right now,

All: And that life does not begin at some later milestone.

One: We commission you to go forth from this place

All: As the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

One: You have formed us and we are a better community because of your presence.

**All: As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to
empower you, to strengthen your faith, and to comfort you in all that will come. Amen.**

†Benediction

Mason Green

Postlude

"Living Stones"
GBC Youth and Worship Band

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