



REST. PLAY.
LOOK AT THE STARS.



Greystone
Baptist Church

*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

*Today's flowers are given by Bill and Sandra Baxley as they celebrate
57 years of shared faith, love and laughter.*

We give God thanks for Anna Beth Cross, who joined our staff on 8/29/21.

The Worship of God

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Gathering Music

“God of Wonders”
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by
Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

“Indescribable”

Words and Music by
Jesse Reeves and Laura Story

“Great Are You Lord”

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

“So Will I (100 Billion X)”

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

Prelude

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Sandra Hunt

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

†Call to Worship

One: Hallelujah! Praise the still-speaking God!

All: Let our souls sing beautifully!

One: Look up! See the sky and the clouds? See the sun and the moon? Look at the stars!
Throughout the universe God calls each being into being.

All: Naming each one, putting each in its perfect place, loving and caring for each one more deeply than we can imagine.

One: The Word of the still-speaking God continues to resonate within our hearts,
within these walls, across the earth, and throughout the universe.

All: Hallelujah!

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

† Opening Hymn

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Words by George Matheson
Music by Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

(Repeat 1st Stanza)

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Christian McIvor

Offertory

“A Joyful Song to the Lord”

Words and Music by Karen Crane
and Jennifer Klein, arr. Patti Drennan

Let every creature great and small proclaim God's holy name.
The mountains sing and the rocks cry out a jubilant refrain.

Refrain 1:

Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).
All of creation join and sing unto the Lord.
Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).
All of creation join and sing to the Lord.

In joyful song, let the chorus sound, creation's anthem raise.
The melody of the universe rings out in glorious praise.

Refrain 2:

Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).
All of creation join and sing unto the Lord.
Sing to the Lord (sing allelu), sing to the Lord (sing allelu).
All of creation join and sing!

O sing the mighty power of God that fills the earth and skies.
With heart and soul lift up your voice and let your praise arise! (Refrain 2)

O sing the mighty, sing the mighty,
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord.
Sing to the Lord!

†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

John Vestal

Scripture

Psalms 147:1-5

Jordan Tripp

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Looking to the Stars: What's Your Name?

Bo Prosser

†Hymn of Response

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
Words and Music by Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. (Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

Blessing for the School Year

April Alston and Anna Beth Cross

Celebrating Community

†Sending Song

“God Is Guiding” (Chorus)

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2025

†Benediction

Bo Prosser

Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Pam Weis

JOYFUL SONG
by Chester G. Allen
arr. Mary McDonald

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