



**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 I Peter 2:5, 6*

*The flowers of blessing today are given by Marlene Adams  
in honor of her father's birthday, Hollie Boyd (1905-1985).*

# The Worship of God

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | Deacon Ordination

## Gathering Music

"This Is a Move"  
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by Brandon Lake,  
Nate Moore, Tasha Cobbs Leonard,  
and Tony Brown

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"

Words and Music by Cody Carnes,  
Austin Davis, and Chandler Moore

"Serving Together"

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2025

"God Is Guiding"

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## Prelude

"How Can I Keep From Singing"  
Pam Weis

ENDLESS SONG  
by Robert Lowry arr. David Angerman

## Welcome

Bo Prosser

## †Charge to the Church

Sammy Roberts

One: Today is a day when we recognize, honor, and ordain those among us who have been called to serve as deacons. There are many gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in unique ways, but it is God's calling to which we respond.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**All: Together we seek after God, offering all that we have and all that we are in service of God and one another.**

## †Opening Hymn

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM (Schutte)  
Words by Daniel L. Schutte (alt.)  
Music by D.L. Schutte harm. Alfred V. Fedak

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

**Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord.**

**Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call th'oppressed by name**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

**Children's Sermon**

April Alston

**Pastoral Prayer**

Anna Beth Cross

**Offertory Anthem**

**"We Are Called"**  
GBC Choir

Words and Music by David Haas  
Choral Setting by Mark Hayes

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**Refrain:**

We are called to act with justice;

we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another,

to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more. (Refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)

We'll walk humbly with God.  
We'll walk humbly with God.  
We'll walk humbly with (humbly, humbly with) God.

## †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

Trish Boone

## Scripture

Acts 5:12-16

Brian Grant

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

## Charge to Deacons and Congregation

*What It Means to Be Church:  
Believe Boldly*

Bo Prosser

## New Deacons

**To Be Ordained:** Sylvia Cash, David Cross, Sandra Hunt, and Steve Little

**To Be Installed:** Chris Allen, Carl Dawson, and Debbie Potter

## Litany of Deacon Ordination

Trish Boone

Leader: Brothers and sisters, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood within the church. Do you believe that you are truly called by God and Greystone Baptist Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Candidates: I believe I am so called.

Leader: Do you now in the presence of God and the church commit to assist in responding to the needs of this church family, to help bear burdens of grief, trouble or any kind of sorrows, and to assist in the ministries of Greystone?

Candidates: I do, with God's help.

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer, in the reading and study of the Scriptures, in stewardship of spiritual and material goods, in seeking the will of God for the church, and in promoting the unity of Christ's body?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a living example to all people and in all things seek not your own glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Candidates: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Greystone, in placing this mantle upon these servants, will you faithfully support them in their ministry?

**People: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: May the Lord empower all of us to fulfill the commitments we have made during this service today.

**All: Amen.**

## The Laying on of Hands

Bo Prosser

### †Hymn of Response

“For Everyone Born”

Words by Shirley Erena Murray  
Music by Brian Mann

**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!**

**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)**

**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)**

**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)**

## Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

### †Sending Song

“Reimagine” (Chorus)

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Christian McIvor ©2024

**Let's reimagine this world of transformation, where we are all called into co-creation.  
We'll reimagine the power of connection and what it means to live out resurrection.  
Each one of us in this community can move us toward a greater unity,  
if we can just reimagine.**

### †Benediction

Bo Prosser

## Postlude

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”  
Pam Weis

by Franz Joseph Haydn  
arr. Melody Bober

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