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great love for
God & neighbor

Welcome to Greystone

At Greystone everyone is welcomed and affirmed as God's beloved creation.

Wherever you are in life and faith:

You are valued.

You are loved.

You belong.

Cover Art: "See You"

by T. Denise Anderson

Inspired by Matthew 25:35-40

14"x18" Acrylic on canvas

Throughout Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses diminutive language to refer to people of importance and describes small, humble things (like sheep, lilies, and sparrows) as precious. He uses a mustard seed in a parable about faith, and tells his disciples to be like children. For Matthew's Jesus, little is a big deal!

For that reason, we should pay attention to Jesus' use of the word "least" in this text. In a book where Jesus talks about little things being loved, the word "least" here takes on new meaning: most loved. Indeed, God loves everyone, but there are certainly those for whom God has a special affinity. As the Confession of Belhar states, "God is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged."

As I meditated on this scripture, the image of a doorway kept emerging, perhaps because the text wrestles with the notion of who is in and who is out. This piece shows an excerpt of the text and the word "least" is, ironically, the largest. Next to it is a door that is partially open, and there is some ambiguity intended in that. Is the door being opened or closed? For whom is the door opening or closing? From the viewer's perspective, on what "side" of the door do they find themselves? Are they being invited in or kept out? Are they doing the inviting or the excluding? In the same way Jesus asks the nations to consider where they will be in his eschatological vision, I invite the viewer to consider where they are relative to where God is. Where does the Savior see you? Where does your neighbor see you?

—Rev. T. Denise Anderson

The Worship of God

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music

“When the Poor Ones”
GBC Worship Band

EL CAMINO
Words and Music by José Antonio Olivar
and Miguel Manzano
trans. George Lockwood (alt.), arr. Alvin Schutmaat

“Love Your Crooked Neighbor
with Your Crooked Heart”

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2018

“All You Need Is Love”

Words and Music by John Lennon
and Paul McCartney

“My Beloved”

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2026

Prelude

“Love Lifted Me”
Pam Weis

SAFETY
by Howard E. Smith arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

† Call to Worship

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God’s love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

† Opening Hymn

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG
Words and Music by Richard Gillard

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.

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Centering Song

“I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table”
(Excerpt)

Traditional Black Spiritual

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord;
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table; I'm gonna
Sit at the welcome table one of these days.

Call to Confession

April Alston

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
Did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?
Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?
Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

**Or did we cross the street?
Did we avert our eyes?
Did we come up with every excuse in the book?**

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.
But we must admit, we have a long way to go.**

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

One: Faith family,
even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear,
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,
God does not turn God's back on us.
So join me in this good-news declaration

**All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again.
Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

Offertory Anthem

"Circle of Love"
GBC Choir

by Pepper Choplin

†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

Debbie Potter

Scripture

Matthew 25:35-40

Steve Wheeler

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Christian McIvor

Communion

Christian Mclvor and Anna Beth Cross

† **Hymn of Response** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING
Words by Robert L. Edwards (alt.)
Music from *The Sacred Harp* harm. James H. Wood

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

Christian Mclvor

† **Sending Song** “Tell Me Something Good” Words and Music by
(Chorus) Christian Mclvor ©2026

**Tell me, tell me something good.
Together, ground us in the ways we should
Live out a love and faith so radical
That we could bring great hope and joy for all.**

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Pam Weis

LOBE DEN HERREN
by Stralsund Gesangbuch
arr. John Carter

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*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

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