



the good news is...

together, the impossible
is possible

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.

The flowers today are given in recognition of the work of the Pastor Search Committee.

Cover Art: "Scarce Abundance"

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Mark 6:32-44

18"x18" Paper lace with watercolor

In this account from Mark, Jesus had compassion. This word, *splagchnizomai* in Greek, comes from the root *splagchnon* (meaning "bowels") which has a sense of a visceral, gut-level form of compassion. It intrigues me that this deep, embodied compassion prompted Jesus to teach.

Leading up to this moment, Jesus is trying to get away, to rest. His disciples row him toward the people; however, he is compelled by compassion to teach. As he is teaching, I imagine the crowd turning to one another—*What did he say?*—repeating his words, passing them along.

In this artwork, the elements of the story are framed in a stained glass window design. Centered, the people gather in circles, passing the scarcely abundant food to one another. Waves encircle the crowd, representing the twelve disciples. The outer architectural elements portray the twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and fish—a representation of abundance from scarcity, powered by collective belief.

Jesus did not have a microphone. It was the people in the front who passed the still, small voice of God back to those behind them. It was the people in the front who passed more than enough food back to those who were hungry. In our propaganda-filled global information system, we must remember: God is not holding the mic. God is present in the still, small voice and in the smallest offerings, multiplying one by one. The message, the compassion, the corners of bread, and the pieces of fish all return in abundance.

—Hannah Garrity

The Worship of God

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

Gathering Music

“This Is Us”
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor ©2017

“Serving Together”

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor ©2025

“We Shall Overcome”

Black Spiritual
arr. William Farley Smith

“Reimagine”

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor ©2024

Prelude

“‘Change My Heart, O God’ with ‘Purer in Heart’”
Pam Weis

by Eddie Espinosa
arr. Joel Raney

Welcome

Christian Mclvor

†Call to Worship

One: If you need good news,

All: settle into this space. We have good news to share.

One: If you need a word of hope,

All: then trust us when we say, *there is hope enough to go around.*

One: If you need a glimmer of joy,

All: then you’re in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

One: If you need to feel God’s presence in your midst,

All: then know that this is God’s house.

One: This is the good news of the gospel.

All: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

†Opening Hymn

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

NETTLETON
Words by Jane Parker Huber
Music from John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

Children’s Sermon

Chris Austin

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

Steve Rose

Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God,
with you the impossible is possible.
5,000 can be fed.
The blind can see.
The hopeless can find hope.
With you the impossible is possible,
but we are quick to forget that.**

**We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.
We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd.
We forget that you are always with us.**

**Forgive our small-minded ways.
Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come.
But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of faith,
no matter how many mistakes the disciples made,
Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved.
The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:
All: **today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God.
We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone.
What good, good news. Amen!**

Offertory Anthem “They’ll Know We Are Christians” by Peter Scholtes arr. Mark Hayes
GBC Choir

† **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** Chris Allen

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21, Psalm 95:3-6 Carol Allen

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

Sermon *the good news is... together, the impossible is possible* Bo Prosser

†Hymn of Response

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

DENNIS
Words by John Fawcett
Music by Johann Georg Nägeli arr. Lowell Mason

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.**

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

Benediction

Bo Prosser

†Sending Song

“Tell Me Something Good”
(Chorus)

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©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

“Glory to His Name”
Susan Gardner

by John H. Stockton

*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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