



*Hammond*



the good news is...

alive in the world

## ***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: *Meet Me in Galilee***

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion*, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors.

—Hannah Garrity

# The Worship of God

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

## Gathering Music

"We Will Rise Again"  
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by  
Christian McIvor ©2019

"I'm Alive"

Words and Music by Tommy James

"Blessed Assurance"

Words by Fanny Crosby  
Music by Phoebe Knapp

"Tell Me Something Good"

Words and Music  
by Christian McIvor ©2026

## Prelude

"Christ Is Alive"  
GBC Handbell Choir

arr. Jason W. Krug

## Welcome and Easter Proclamation

Bo Prosser

## † Sung Easter Proclamation

by Christian McIvor ©2026

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia, Jesus lives!

*Sung 3 times:*

*1. Children Only*

*2. Choir Joins*

*3. Entire Congregation Sings*

## † Processional Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN  
Words by Charles Wesley  
Music from *Lyrical Davidica*'

**Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!**  
**All creation, join to say: Alleluia!**  
**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**  
**Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**  
**Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!**  
**Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!**  
**Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

## †Call to Worship

Christian McIvor

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

One: The good news is dancing!

**All: The good news is on the loose!**

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

## 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

Anna Beth Cross

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Gracious God,  
we want to be Easter people.  
We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.  
We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.  
We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,”  
but we are afraid.  
And we don’t know where to look.  
And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.  
So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.  
We are best intentions and best laid plans.  
We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”  
We are on our way, but we are not there yet.  
Show us how to embody your good news in this world.  
Show us how to be your Easter people.  
With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of faith,  
even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God.  
Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay.  
So join me in this good news declaration:

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.  
This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Offertory Anthem

“All Things New”  
GBC Choir

Words by Frances Havergal  
Music by Elaine Hagenberg

## †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

Matthew 28:1-10, Psalm 118:17-18

Karen Brewer

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

†Hymn of Response

“For Everyone Born”

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**

Anna Beth Cross

**Benediction**

Bo Prosser

†Sending Song

“Tell Me Something Good”  
(Chorus)

Words and Music by  
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**

“Rigaudon”  
Christian Mclvor and Pam Weis

by Andre Campra

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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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