



Greystone
Baptist Church

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.

*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

The Worship of God

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy”
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by Bobby McFerrin

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Words and Music by Paul Simon

“What’s Going On”

Words and Music by Marvin Gaye

“Reimagine”

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2024

Prelude

“Simple Gifts”
GBC Handbell Choir

SHAKER SONG
arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome

April Alston

† Call to Worship

One: Friends, *rejoice* in God always. We’ll say it again, together,

All: Rejoice!

One: May our gentleness be known and may we be released from our worries,

All: for God is near.

One: We will ask for what we need and offer thanks to God

All: in prayer.

One: We rejoice and give thanks that

All: the peace of God

One: will guard our hearts;

All: the peace of God

One: will guard our minds;

All: the peace of God

One: will be with us

All: in this time of worship and beyond!

† Please rise in body or spirit.

†Opening Hymn

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Traditional Black Spiritual

I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain...

I’ve got love like an ocean...

I’ve got peace like a river...

Children’s Sermon

April Alston

Musical Reflection

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Traditional Black Spiritual
arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Pastoral Prayer

Steve Rose

Offertory Anthem

“Wanting Memories”
GBC Choir

by Ysaye Barnwell

I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
Yes, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.

You used to rock me in the cradle of your arms,
You said you'd hold me till the pains of life were gone.
You said you'd comfort me in times like these and now I need you,
And now I need you, and you are gone.

So, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
Since you've gone and left me, there's been so little beauty,
But I know I saw it clearly through your eyes

Now the world outside is such a cold and bitter place,
Here inside I have few things that will console,
And when I try to hear your voice above the storms of life
Then I remember that I was told.

Yes, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
Yes, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.

I think on the things that made me feel so wonderful when I was young,
I think on the things that made me laugh, made me dance, made me sing,
I think on the things that made me grow into a being full of pride;
I think on these things, for they are truth.

And I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
I thought that you were gone, but now I know you're with me;
You are the voice that whispers all I need to hear.

I know a "please," a "thank you," and a smile will take me far,
I know that I am you and you are me and we are one,
I know that who I am is numbered in each grain of sand,
I know that I've been blessed again and over again (and again, and again...)

Yes, I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes.
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†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

Joan Nelson

Scripture

Philippians 4:1-9

Sylvia Cash

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

Sermon

Navigating the Chaos: Peace of Mind

Christian McIvor

†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)**

Celebrating Community

Anna Beth Cross

Benediction

Christian McIvor

†Sending Song

“God Is Guiding” (Chorus)

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Christian McIvor ©2025

**May we together be transformed
As hand in hand, we journey through the dark of night;
Through every fire, flood, and storm,
Heart to heart, we’ll see each other to the light;
For in the love of Christ we are abiding
And God is guiding.**

Postlude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
Pam Weis

arr. Donald Hosted

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