



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 flowers today are given in the glory of god and in gratitude  
for Brian and Cathy Perkinson's 40th wedding anniversary.*

# The Worship of God

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Gathering Music

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”  
GBC Worship Band

Traditional Black Spiritual

“Oh Happy Day”

Word by Philip Doddridge  
Words by J.A. Freylinghausen

“Everything is Beautiful”

Words and Music by Ray Stevens

“God So Loved”

Words and Music by Ed Cash,  
Scott Cash, Franni Cash  
Martin Cash, and Andrew Bergthold

## Prelude

“Love Lifted Me”  
Sandra Hunt

Music by Howard E. Smith  
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

## Welcome

Bo Prosser

## ✠ Call to Worship

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: In success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer  
new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Let us worship God!**

✠ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

## †Opening Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE  
American Folk Hymn  
Music from Walker's *Southern Harmony*  
harm. Carlton R. Young

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

## Children's Sermon

April Alston

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory Anthem

“In Every Land Begin the Song”  
GBC Choir

Words by J. Paul Williams  
Music by Joseph Martin

In every land begin the song, let alleluias fill the air.  
Sing praise to whom all praise belongs, a song of joy declare.  
(God's love) God's love all love excelling,  
(God's love) God's love is ever sure.  
(God's love) Gods' love is never failing,  
Love transcending, never ending,  
every land begin the song.

In every church begin the song, let alleluias fill the air.  
Sing praise to God with voices strong, you song of joy declare.  
(God's love) God's love all love excelling,  
(God's love) God's love is ever sure.  
(God's love) Gods' love is never failing,  
Love transcending, never ending,  
every church begin the song.

In every heart begin the song, let alleluias fill the air.  
Sing out the truth and right the wrong; God's wondrous love declare.  
(God's love) God's love all love excelling,  
(God's love) God's love is ever true.  
(God's love) Gods' love is never failing,  
Love transcending, never ending,  
love excelling, never failing,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
everywhere begin the song!

## †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

Brian Grant

## Scripture

John 3:10-17

Sammy Roberts

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

## Sermon

*How do you do what you do?*

Bo Prosser

## † Hymn of Response

“Amazing Grace”

NEW BRITAIN  
Words by John Newton  
Music from *Columbian Harmony*  
arr. Edwin O. Excell (alt.)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

## Benediction

Bo Prosser

## † Sending Song

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Stanza 1)

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.

## Postlude

“Recessional on ‘To God Be the Glory’”  
Pam Weis

by William H. Doane  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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