



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 by Bill and Sandra Baxley
in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary
with gratitude to God for the many blessings
they have shared throughout their life together.*

We give God thanks for Simone Williams, who joined our staff on 8/24/25.

The Worship of God

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering Music

"By Our Love"
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music by Christy Nockels

"Love Is Not Always Comfortable"

Words and Music
by Christian McIvor ©2021

"I Believe Love Wins"

Words and Music by John Calloway

"John 13:34-35"

Words and Music by Paul Zach,
Jessica Fox, and Orlando Palmer

Prelude

"We Are the Reason"
Pam Weis

by David Meece arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Steve Rose

†Call to Worship

One: Jesus reminded the disciples

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

All: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

†Opening Hymn

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Words by George Matheson
Music by Christopher Miner

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow

Children's Sermon

April Alston

Blessing for the School Year

Offertory Anthem

“From Generation to Generation
(Thou Art God)”
GBC Choir

Words by Gail McCoig Blanton
Gaelic Melody arr. Marty Parks

From generation to generation,
To everlasting, Thou art God,
Blessing Thy children, steadfast and faithful;
Keeping each promise, Thou art God.

From generation to generation,
Thy gracious favor, intimate God,
Welcomes the outcast, honors repentance,
Source of refreshing, Thou art God.

Thou art God! Thou art God!
Everlasting, Thou art God!

From generation to generation,
Reign from Thy throne, omnipotent God.
Perfect in justice, essence of mercy,
Hope for all ages, Thou art God!

From everlasting, Thou art God.

†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

John 13:31-35

Montana Alston

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

Sermon

Uncomfortable Love

Anna Beth Cross

† Hymn of Response

“Oh, How Good It Is”

Words and Music by Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes,
and Stuart Townend

Oh, how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

Chorus:

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people!

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging (Chorus)

Na, na, na, na, na, na...

Oh how good it is to embrace His command,
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives (just as He did).
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Chorus)

Celebrating Community

Christian McIvor

Benediction

Anna Beth Cross

† 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

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”
Pam Weis

by Kirk Dearman arr. Mark Hayes

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