# 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 I Peter 2:5, 6*

# The Worship of God

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Gathering Music**

"We Are One in the Spirit" — THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
GBC Worship Band — Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" — THE SERVANT SONG
Words and Music by Richard Gillard

"Speak O Lord" — Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

"Though I May Speak" — GIFT OF LOVE
Words by Hal H. Hopson
English Folk Melody adapt. Hal H. Hopson

**Prelude**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" — by John Zundel
Pam Weis — Setting by Joel Raney

**Welcome** — April Alston

## †Call to Worship

One: Though we come from different circumstances,
**All: The Lord will make us one in worship.**
One: Though we have traveled different paths of struggles and successes,
**All: The Lord will make us one in healing.**
One: Though each one of us has struggles and strife, as well as joy,
**All: The Lord will make us one in hope.**
One: Praise be to God
**All: Who blesses our diversity and calls us to unity. Amen.**

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

**†Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
Words by Robert Robinson
Music from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;**
**streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**
**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;**
**praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;**
**and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.**
**Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;**
**he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!**
**Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.**
**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;**
**here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

**Children's Sermon** April Alston

**Pastoral Prayer** Anna Beth Cross

**Offertory Anthem** "For Where Love Is, There is God" Words by Charlotte Lee
GBC Choir Music arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar,
for where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak, who falter,
for where love is, there is God.

Song and scripture wed together,
bound by faith in sacred Word,
sharing peace and consolation,
for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another,
for where love is, there is God,
and embrace as sister, brother,
for where love is, there is God.

Heal our hurting, lift our spirits,
cease our cold, contentious ways.
Spread the grace of love unending,
for where love is, there is God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God.
(For where love is, there is God.)
For where love is, there is 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** Michael-David Rowe

**Scripture** Ephesians 4:31-32 Sylvia Cash

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

**Sermon** *Allelon Again!* 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.**

**We share our mutual woes;**
**our mutual burdens bear.**
**And often for each other flows**
**the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,**
**and sin we shall be free;**
**and perfect love and friendship reign**
**through all eternity.**

**Celebrating Community** Steve Rose

**Benediction** Bo Prosser

**†Sending Song** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Stanza 4) DENNIS
Words by John Fawcett
Music by Johann Georg Nägeli arr. Lowell Mason

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

**Postlude** "Rejoice and Sing" by Eugene Butler
Pam Weis

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