



Greystone

Baptist Church

40th Anniversary

*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 flowers on the altar are given in honor of our Children's Ministry.

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

Gathering Music

"As the Wind Song"
GBC Worship Band

WAIRUA TAPU
Words by Shirley Erena Murray
Music by Swee Hong Lim

"This Is a Move"

Words and Music by Tasha Cobbs Leonard,
Brandon Lake, Nate Moore, and Tony Brown

"Stand in Your Love"

Words and Music by Josh Baldwin,
Mark Harris, Ethan Hulse and Rita Springer

"Serving Together"

Words and Music
by Christian McIvor ©2025

Prelude

"Be Still, My Soul"
Pam Weis

arr. Brad Jacobsen

Welcome

Christian McIvor

† Sung Call to Worship

"Spirit of the Living God"

Words and Music
by Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

† *Please rise in body or spirit.*

†Opening Hymn

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell

Verse 1:

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Verse 2:

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (Refrain)**

Verse 3:

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (Refrain)**

Verse 4:

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (Refrain)**

Verse 5:

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (Refrain)**

Children’s Sermon

April Alston

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

“Everything in Between”
GBC Worship Band

Words and Music
by Christian McIvor ©2025

Verse 1:

**Looking left and looking right,
the world gets framed in black and white;
Every day, we pick and choose our side.**

Walls go up and lines get drawn,
compassion's lost and grace is gone;
Can we work to bridge this great divide?

Pre-chorus:

'Cause there's a truth beyond duality
Where we are all connected in a web of mutuality.

Chorus:

Everything in between stretches our understanding,
Showing us what it means to share in God's love expanding.
In this space with hearts unbound is where communion can be found;
Everything in between is holy ground.

Verse 2:

We have lost the will to see nuance and complexity;
Hate and fear define the status quo.
If our minds are open to examine different points of view
With each other, can we learn to grow?

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

✠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

Acts 11:1-18

Steve Wheeler

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Generous Invitation

Chris Aho

† Hymn of Response

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
Words and Music by Doris Akers

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” (Refrain)

Celebrating Community

Christian McIvor

Sending Song

“O Christ, Surround Me”

GREEN TYLER
Words and Music by
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

† Benediction

Chris Aho

Postlude

“The Solid Rock”
Pam Weis

arr. Emily Bober

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