



**REST. PLAY.**  
LOOK AT THE STARS.



**Greystone**  
Baptist Church

*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 are donated in loving memory of  
Jeanne Steele's father Hugo Heidenreich on his birthday.*

# The Worship of God

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

### Gathering Music

"Help Us Accept Each Other"  
GBC Worship Band

BARONITA  
Words by Fred Kaan  
Music by Doreen Potter

"You Are My Vision" Irish Poem trans. and adapt. Mary E. Byrne,  
Eleanor Hull, and Rend Collective (alt.)  
Irish Ballad arr. Rend Collective

"Love Your Crooked Neighbor  
with Your Crooked Heart"

Words and Music  
by Christian McIvor ©2018

"You've Got a Friend"

Words and Music by Carol King

### Prelude

"Glorify Thy Name"  
Pam Weis

by Donna Adkins arr. Mark Hayes

### Welcome

Anna Beth Cross

### †Call to Worship

One: God of benevolence, be with us as we seek to love deeply.

**All: We meet you in love.**

One: Jesus, friend of all, lead us into relationships in truth.

**All: We meet you in truth.**

One: Spirit of divine wind, move us to form friendships in hope.

**All: We meet you in hope.**

One: We seek you; we follow you;

**All: We are moved by you! 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 will 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.

(Repeat First Stanza)

## Children's Sermon

April Alston

## Pastoral Prayer

Bo Prosser

## Offertory

"From Generation to Generation  
(Thou Art God)"  
GBC Choir

Words by Gail McCoig Blanton  
Traditional 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

Sammy Roberts

## Scripture

John 15:9-17

Michael-David Rowe

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Holy Friendships*

Victoria White

**†Hymn of Response #426**     “Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

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

**Celebrating Community**

Steve Rose

**†Sending Song**     “God Is Guiding” (Chorus)

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**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.**

**†Benediction**

Victoria White

**Postlude**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
Pam Weis**

by Charles C. Converse  
arr. Jack Schrader

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