

Lucy Rollins (8:30am) and Nora Burns (10:30am) and Kasey Beth Marshall (10:30am) are the acolytes serving today.

Kyshona Armstrong is our musical guest today. Kyshona is a musical therapist and solo artist who gives her voice to those often silenced and forgotten. She is also a familiar voice during Fall for Greenville. Kyshona began her career as a music therapist, writing her first songs with her patients – the students and inmates under her care. She soon found the need to write independently and find her own voice, an endeavor which led her to the fertile ground of the Nashville creative community and songwriting culture. Since then, she has learned how to balance her music career with her passion to heal the hurting. Kyshona blends roots, rock, R&B and folk with lyrical prowess to uplift the marginalized and bring awareness to the masses. Audiences find a common thread of empowerment, overcoming adversity, and finding hope in her work.

Music selections today include: “Amazing Grace” arranged by Shelton Ridge Love, © 2021 Love Notes, Inc.; “We’ve Seen a Rose” by Kyle D. Matthews, 2016 Catalytic Songs, Inc.; “For the Beauty of the Earth,” by John Rutter, © 1980 Oxford University Press; “The Servant Song” harmonized by James H. Wood © 1958, renewed 1986 Broadman Press, lyrics © 1977 Scripture in Song, CCLI #1466252; “God of Grace and God of Glory” arranged by Faye López, © 2002 The Wilds; and Praeludium in C by J.S. Bach.



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## Looking Ahead

### May 2

11:30am-1:00pm Children’s Ministry Event: Fifth Grade Celebration  
 Noon Cruise the Bible Information Meeting (Sanctuary)  
 1:00-2:30pm Children’s Ministry Event: Hike to Ice Cream Party  
 4:00pm Vocare (Sanctuary)  
 5:00pm Youth Ministry Junior/Senior Night (Hampton Station)  
 5:00pm Sunday Night Live for Youth – High School

### May 5

5:00-7:00pm Middle School End of Year Party (AYMC)  
 6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* Help Seeking with Kendra Plating, Andrea Helm and Joel Koontz (Sanctuary)

### May 9

8:30am and 10:30am Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant  
 4:15pm Vocare (Sanctuary)

### May 12

5:00-7:00pm High School End of Year Party

### May 12 (cont.)

6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* The Guiding Effect of “No” with Kyle Matthews and Jim Dant (Sanctuary)

### May 16

8:30am and 10:30am Ascension Sunday  
 Graduate Recognition Sunday  
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant

### May 19

6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* Helping Helpers with Kyle Matthews (Sanctuary)

### May 23

8:30am and 10:30am Day of Pentecost  
 Proclaimer: Jim Dant  
 5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Support Group (Fellowship Hall)

### May 26

6:15pm MidWeek Fellowship: *Rethinking Help!* God’s Help with Kyle Matthews (Sanctuary)

Financial Needs as of 5/1  
 \$915,382  
 Receipts as of 4/26  
 \$743,470



May 2, 2021  
 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eight Thirty O’Clock  
 Ten Thirty O’Clock

Mary Carol Anderson  
 Youth and Recreation

Caleb Avery  
 AYMC Director

Jim Dant  
 Senior Minister

Will Dodson  
 Media and Technology

Vivian Hamilton  
 Music and Worship

Priscilla Harris  
 Children’s Music

Amy Joye  
 Youth Music

Camille Loomis Rehnborg  
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Kyle Matthews  
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Juli Morrow  
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 Children

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## Words of Welcome

Prelude "Amazing Grace" arr. Shelton Ridge Love

Call to Worship Kyle Matthews

Here in this congregation I have discovered a life of praise, and all are welcome.

**Here the poor sit at God's table and eat their fill. Everyone who seeks God is here, offering praise.**

From the four corners of the earth people are coming to God.

**God is in control and has the last word.**

All are before God worshiping – the powerful and the powerless, the young and the old!

**Our children, their children and their children's children will hear the good news as the story is passed along from parent to child: God does what God says.**

(adapted from Psalm 22:25-31)

Invocation

Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA  
John Hughes

*God of grace and God of glory, On thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.*

*Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces, Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor thee!  
That we fail not them nor thee.*  
– Harry Emerson Fosdick

Welcome of Worshipers Jim Dant

"We've Seen a Rose" Kyle D. Matthews

*We've seen a rose, one of a kind.  
It blossoms once, the rarest find,  
But you have blessed our mortal eyes  
To see it blooming in our time.*

*Our grief is matched by gratitude,  
That nothing loved is lost to you,  
And we return your gift to us  
With heartfelt thanks and all our love.*

## Words of Faith

Family Dedication (10:30am)

Carlos and Marisa Handal with Nasry Camilo Handal

Choral Worship "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine To us all so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*  
– F.S. Pierpoint, alt.

New Testament Lesson Acts 8:26-40

Message in Word and Song Kyshona Armstrong and Jim Dant

Understanding the Story

## Words of Commitment

Invitation Hymn "The Servant Song" BEACH SPRING

*The Sacred Harp  
harm. James H. Wood*

*We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you In the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.*

*I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;*

*I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.*

– Richard Gillard

Invitation to Offering

*The commandment we have is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*  
(1 John 4:21)

Music for Meditation arr. Faye López

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Introduction of New Members

Service and Fellowship of the Church

## Words of Blessing

\*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium in C

J.S. Bach

**Our Service of Worship has ended.  
Our Worship through Service begins.**