

Worship of God in Christ May 22, 2022



"Open Heart, Open Soul"

6th Sunday of Easter

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Rev. Will Brown

Prelude - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (arr. Smith) Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship Rev. Val Fisk

Leader: Come, one and all. Gather together! For this is the day of the Lord!

People: Let's gather at the river by the throne of God! For there is blessing forever!

Leader: From the throne of God flows a mighty river of peace and hope for all God's people!

People: And there shall be rejoicing at the sight of the healing waters!

Leader: Our journey brings us to God's wondrous river of Life!

People: Praise be to God who has drawn us from darkness and filled our world with light.

*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

Please take a moment to pass and sign the red booklets found in each row so that we have a record of your presence with us today.

*Hymn - "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Children's Sermon Erin Brown

Gospel Lesson – John 14:23-29 Ben Chenault

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

^{*}Hymn - "Shall We Gather At The River"

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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*Doxology

New Testament Lesson - Acts 16:9-15

Raynell Stokes

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem - "Here I Am, Lord," arr. Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon - "Open or Closed"

Rev. Will Brown

Rev. Brown

Meditation Barbara Moore

Invitation

If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.

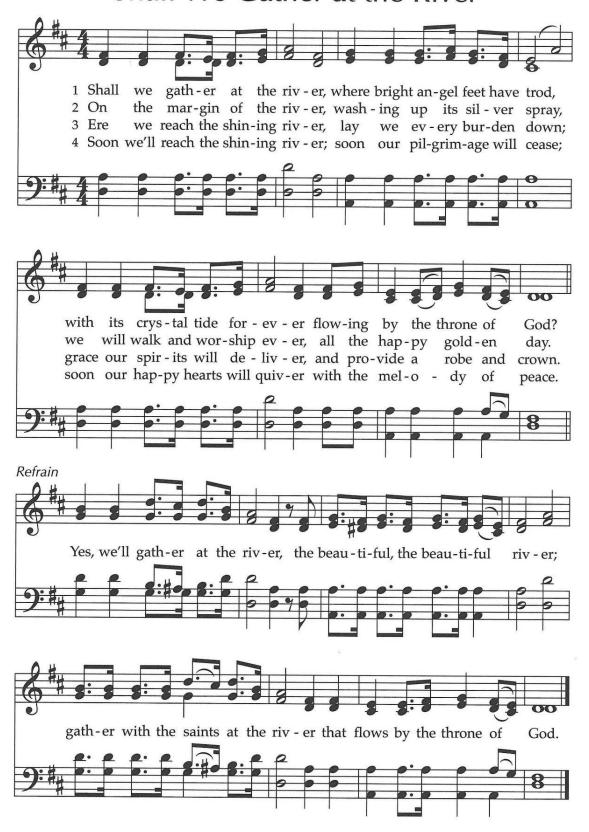
*Benediction Rev. Brown

*Postlude – "Go Forth With Joy" (Boellmann) Barbara Moore

^{*}Hymn - "We All Are One in Mission"

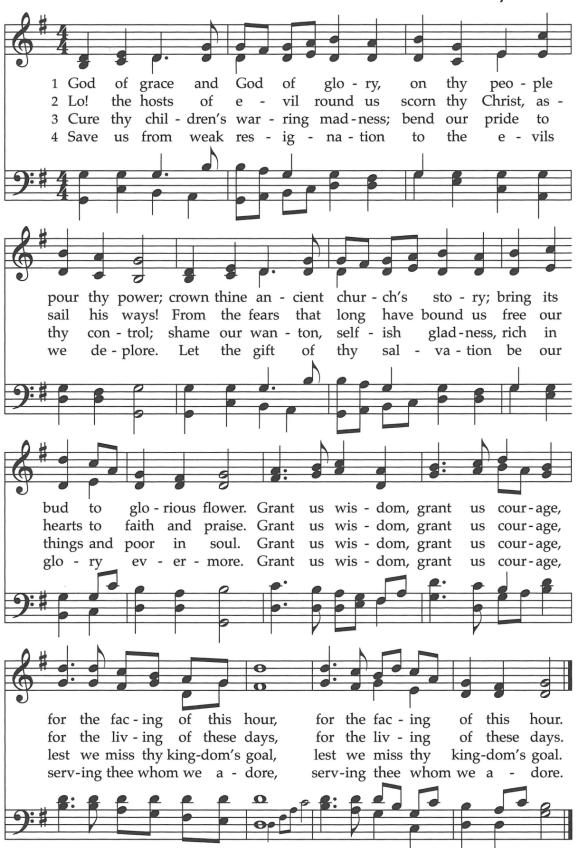
^{*} Please stand if you are able.

Shall We Gather at the River



A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg OLD HUNDREDTH

We All Are One in Mission



WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

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