

Worship of God in Christ March 26, 2023



"Love One Another" by Eloise Schneider Mote

5th Sunday in Lent

Marking of the Hour

Karen Dalton

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. Val Fisk

Prelude – "Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Hayes)

Karen Dalton

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 (based on John 15:1-8)

Megan Counts

One: God is the True Vine,

Many: And we are the branches.

One: Connected to God.

Many: Connected to bear fruit!

One: Connected to God.

Many: Or we wither away.

Connected to God.

Many: Or useless!

One: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

Many: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might

bear good fruit!

*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

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

Children's Sermon

Tommy Deal

Children's Bible Presentation

*Hymn - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Old Testament Lesson - Ezekiel 37:1-14 Hadessah Johnson

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

^{*}Hymn - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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*Doxology

Gospel Lesson - John 15:12-17

Sam Arayedupin

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

Anthem - "Go Not Far From Me" (Zingarelli)

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon - "That Stinker Made Me Do It"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation Karen Dalton

Invitation Dr. Tennant

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

*Hymn - "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude – "Give Thanks" Karen Dalton

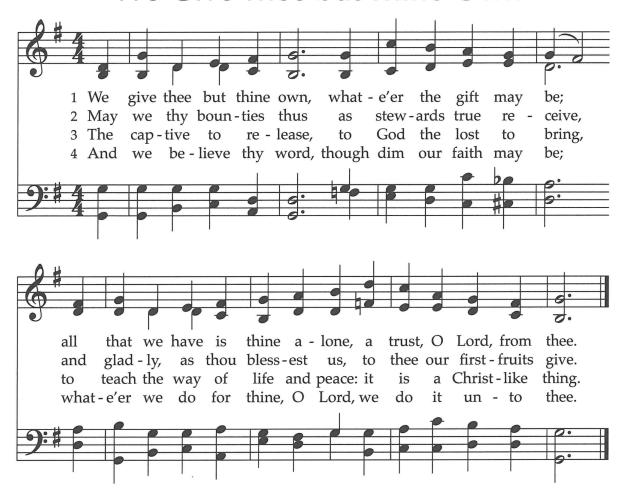
^{*} Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918 CONVERSE 8.7.8.7.D.

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

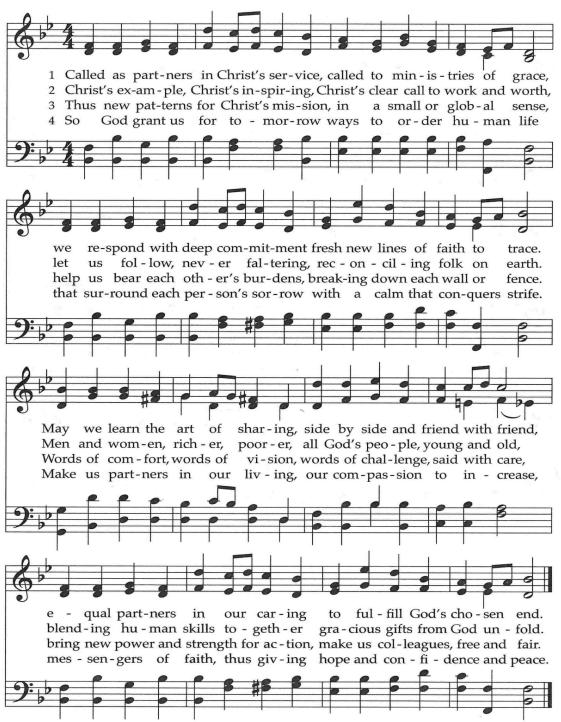


TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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Called as Partners in Christ's Service



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

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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