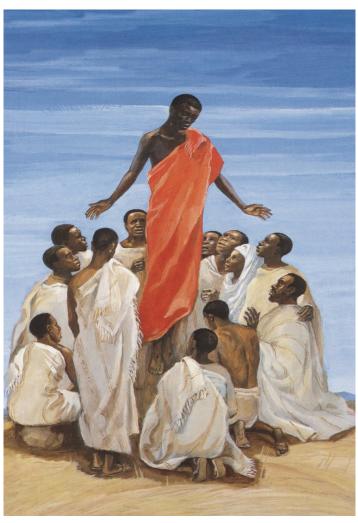


Worship of God in Christ May 21, 2023



"The Ascension" by Jesus Mafa (1973)

Celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord

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

Will Cooke

Prelude – "Let the Trumpets Sound and the People Rejoice" (Langlais)

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

Lily Gregg

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

Many: a new world has broken into ours-

One: a world in which justice does come for the poor,

Many: freedom comes for the prisoners and healing for the sick.

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

Many: a new community has been formed-

One: a community that loves and cares for all members,

Many: a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, and a place where all find a place of belonging.

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

Many: a new creation has begun-

One: all that was distorted is being restored,

Many: all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

Many: God's new world has begun.

"Hymn – "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!"

*Invocation Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting Rev. Val Fisk

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 Jen May

Mission Moment — Vacation Bible School Melanie Tennant

*Hymn - "He Keeps Me Singing" v.1,4,5

Gospel Lesson – Luke 24:44-53 Kevin Wright

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

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Dr. Matthew Tennant

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New Testament Lesson – Acts 1:1-11 Laura Martindale

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

Anthems - "Heavenly Home" by Kirchner

1. "Unclouded Day" 2. "Angel Band" Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – "Is this the time?" Dr. Tennant

Meditation Barbara Moore

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.

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude – "Tocatta in F (Symphony V) (Widor) Barbara Moore

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^{*}Hymn - "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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He Keeps Me Singing

He put a new song in my mouth - Psalm 40:3 NIV



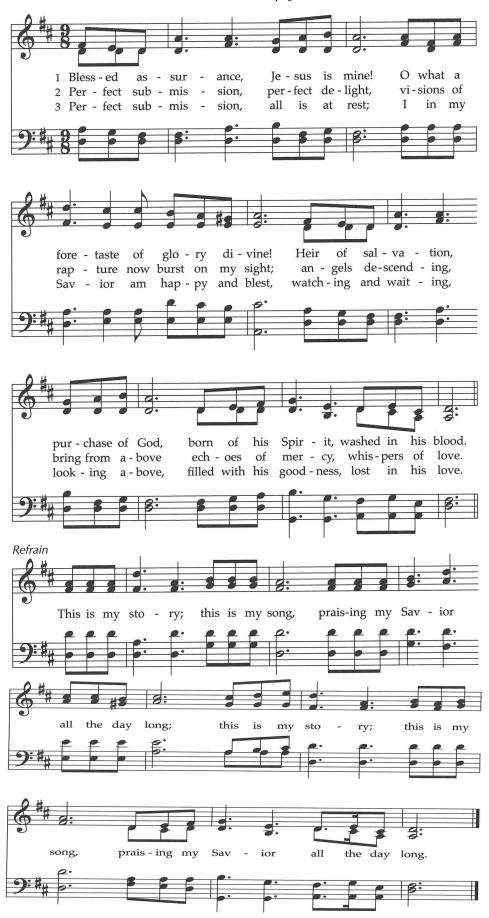
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



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

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



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.

ABOUT Us: University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at universitybaptist.org

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God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

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