

# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



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## WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

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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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## Words of Welcome

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. Alba Beasley

Prelude – “Someone’s Singing, Lord” (Behnke)

Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

Ministers

*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

Ministers

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

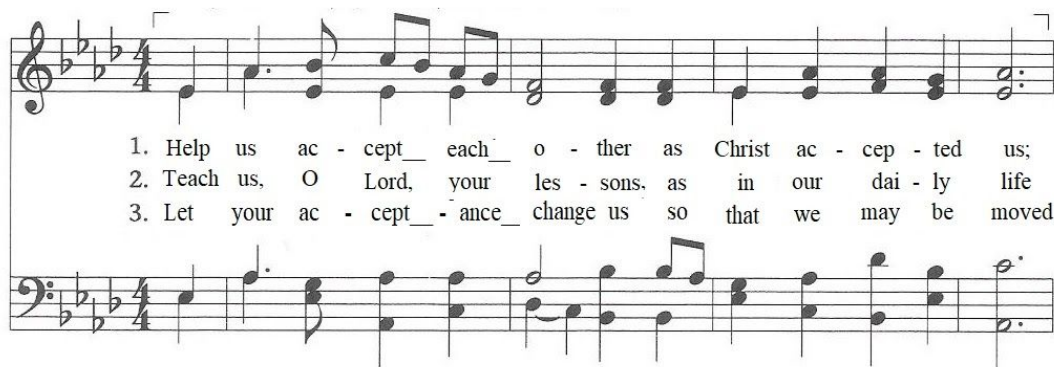
Call to Worship

Val Fisk

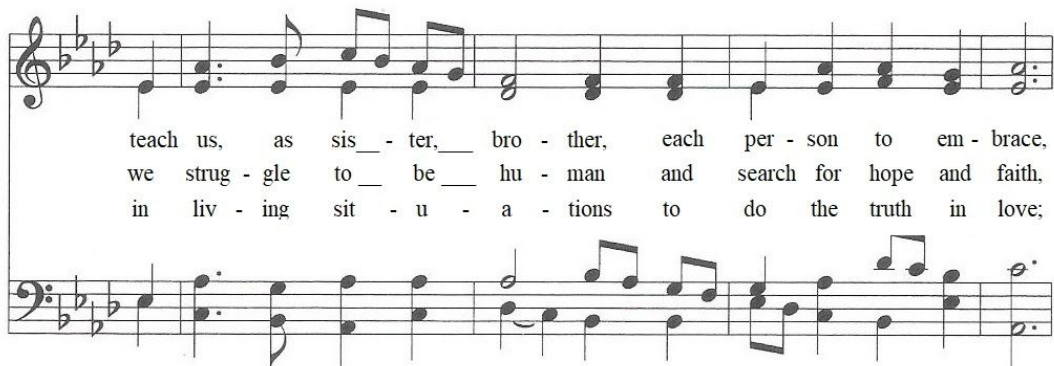
Living Jesus, whose presence on our daily road we often fail to see;  
warm our hearts with fresh confidence in your Word,  
so that, in making room for the stranger beside us,  
we find your hospitality awaiting us, and the reassurance of your  
presence  
to inspire us to tread the road again and to share the good news  
of your resurrection life.  
Amen.

Hymn – “Help Us Accept Each Other”

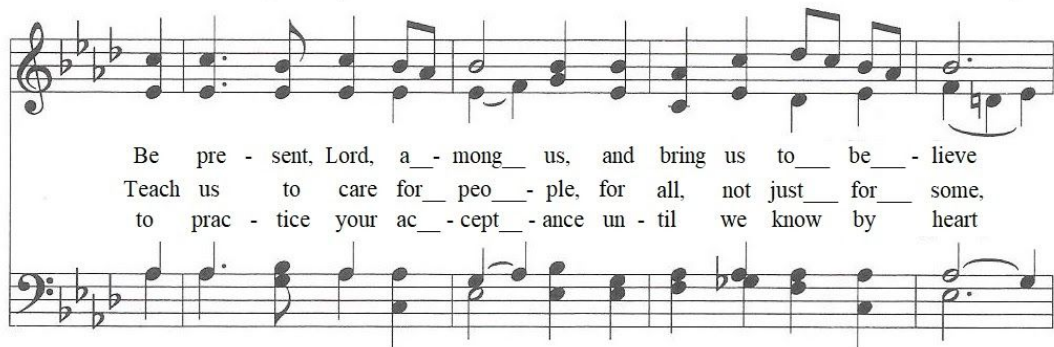
# Help Us Accept Each Other



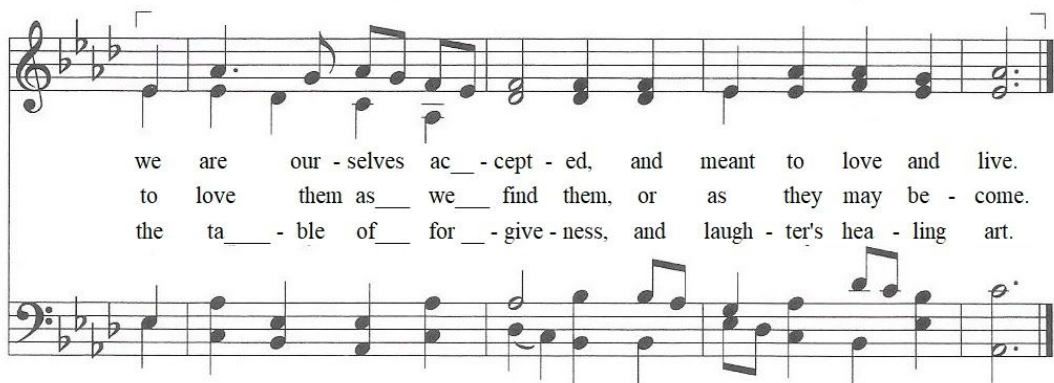
1. Help us ac - cept\_ each\_ o - ther as Christ ac - cep - ted us;  
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cept - ance\_ change us so that we may be moved



teach us, as sis - ter, bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace,  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith,  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;



Be pre - sent, Lord, a - mong\_ us, and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for\_ peo - ple, for all, not just\_ for\_ some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as\_ we\_ find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of\_ for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's hea - ling art.

Invocation

Rev. Will Brown

Greeting

Rev. Brown

## Words of Faith

Children's Sermon

Erin Brown

Gospel Lesson – John 7:25-31

Laura Gustad

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn – “Who Is He in Yonder Stall?”

# Who Is He in Yonder Stall



1. Who is He in yon - der stall, At whose feet the shep - herds fall?
2. Who is He the peo - ple bless For His words of gen - tle - ness?
3. Who is He that stands and weeps At the grave where Laz - 'rus sleeps?
4. Lo! at mid - night, who is He Prays in dark Geth - sem - a - ne?
5. Who is He that from the grave Comes to heal and help and save?



Who is He in deep dis - tress, Fast - ing in the wil - der - ness?  
Who is He to whom they bring All the sick and sor - row - ing?  
Who is He the gath - 'ring throug Greet with loud tri - um - phant song?  
Who is He on yon - der tree, Dies in grief and ag - o - ny?  
Who is He that from His throne Rules thro' all the world a - lone?



'Tis the Lord! O won - drous sto - ry! 'Tis the Lord! the King of



glo - ry! At His feet we hum - bly fall, Crown Him! crown Him, Lord of all!



Blessing Rev. Brown

Reflection – “Be Thou My Vision” (Bober) Barbara Moore

Morning Prayer Rev. Beasley

Epistle Lesson – 3 John Val Fisk

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Hogan)

Sermon – “Diotrephes & the Bad Church” Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation Rev. Beasley

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

## **Words of Commitment & Blessing**

Hymn – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

## Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

“Grace, Love, and Peace Abide” (Sims)

Postlude – “Amen!” (Charpentier)

Barbara Moore

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