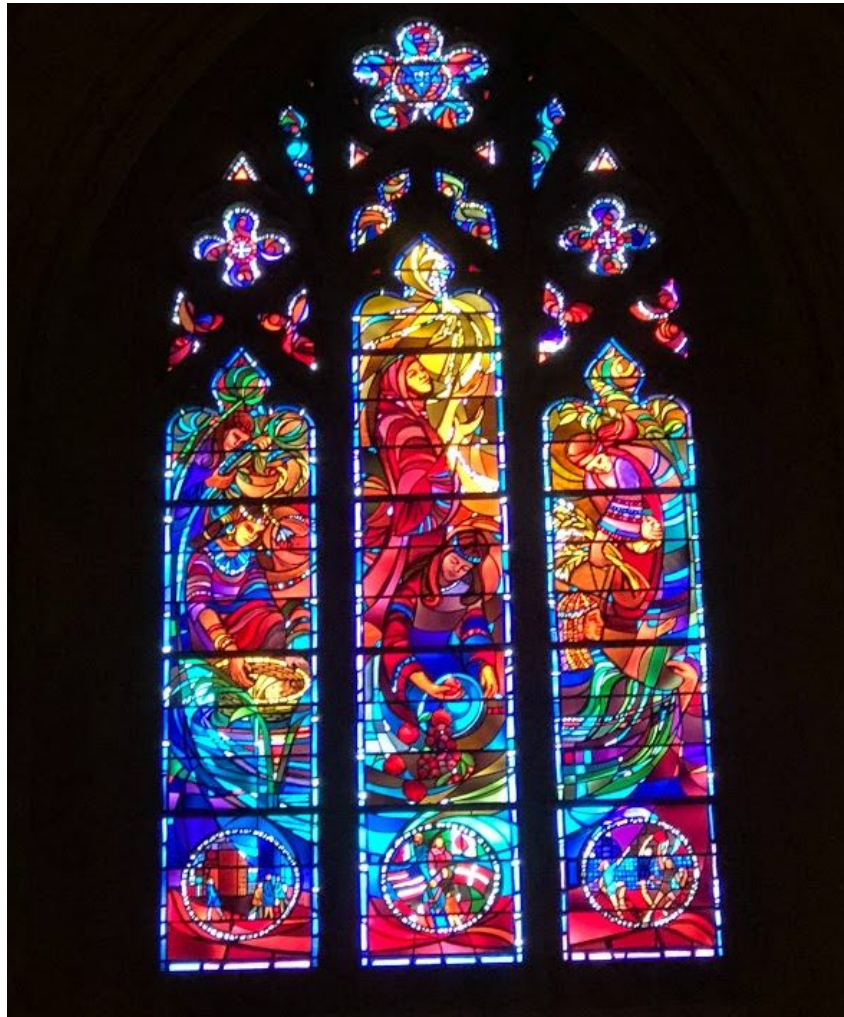


# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



National Cathedral: Women of the Bible

## **WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR STUDENTS, VAL FISK**

October 17, 2020

*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

Prelude – “Voluntary on “Kremser” (Young) Trey Ogle

Welcome Dr. Matthew Tennant

Report from Ordination Council Dr. Tennant

Call to Worship Haleigh Culverhouse

The spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me.  
God has sent me to preach good news to the marginalized,  
To heal the hearts of those who are broken,  
To declare freedom and liberation from that which holds us captive,  
To announce that even in this year, God’s grace and favor reign,  
And God’s holy justice will prevail.  
God has sent me to comfort those who are mourning,  
To care for the needs of the grieving  
By sitting down in the ashes beside them,  
Remembering always God’s message of hope,  
And rising together to praise God.  
Together we are a display of God’s glory,  
Reaching out to God like oak trees that stretch up in search of the sun.  
And as they rise, those who have grieved will become those who rebuild.  
Out of the wreckage of what has been destroyed,  
In the spaces we thought there was no life left,  
Rubble will be renewed and life and joy will return.

*This call to worship was adapted by Val from Isaiah 61:1-4.*

Hymn – “Sing a New Church”

Invocation Jared Worsham

## Words of Affirmation

Reflection from Mentor Toph Whisnant

Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 6:1-8 Rev. Will Brown

Reflection from Peers Rev. Lauryn & Mr. Aaron Everic

Scripture Lesson – Luke 10:25-37 Dr. Andrew Arterbury & Dr. Joel Weaver

## Words of Dedication

Hymn – “Will You Come and Follow Me”

Charge to the Ordinand

Rev. Dr. Robert Wallace

Litany

Rev. Dr. Cindy Wallace

**Cindy:** Great Spirit, give Val word and breath in Christ to live and speak.

**People:** *Her calling now we recognize with prayer and loving hands. A servant leader, truthful friend, we gladly will receive, to stir and comfort, shake and mend, be glad with us, and grieve.*

**Cindy:** Val, God has called “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” and you have answered

**Val:** “Here am I, send me.”

**Cindy:** We have sung of God’s calling, “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known? Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?” and you have answered

**Val:** I promise I will love God with all of my heart, soul and strength and love my neighbor as myself. I will welcome all to the table and break bread together. I will live where my deepest gladness meets the world’s greatest needs. I will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with my God. I will move and live and grow in God and God in me.

**Cindy:** You have heard the promises of our sister. Will you, as members of God’s church, affirm this call and accept Val Fisk as an ordained minister of the Gospel?

**People:** *Val, we accept you as one called to public leadership in the church and affirm the decision that you be ordained. We pledge our love and offer our prayers that together we may glorify God and make Christ known in the world.*

Hymn – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Laying on of Hands

Mark Snipes

Out of an abundance of caution, only Val's family will be physically laying hands at this time. Please write your prayers for Val on the cards provided.

## Words of Commitment & Blessing

### Litany of Installation

UBC Ministers

**Leader:** Valarie Elyse Fisk, you have answered the call of God to unite your life with ours at University Baptist Church. You come to us as faithful friend, colleague, minister, and mentor. Today, we honor the way God has called us together and covenant to walk alongside each other for the years ahead.

**Val:** Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, I promise to love you with compassion, walk with you in joys and in sorrows, and serve God, this church, and this community with humility. I promise to lead you with courage, to risk boldly for the gospel, and to welcome all into our midst. I promise to abide with God and let God unsettle me for our work of Love in the world. As one of your ministers, I promise to do my part in building the beloved community.

**People:** *Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we promise to hold Val in our love and care. We promise to come alongside her leadership with passion and great courage. We promise to love each other well and welcome all in our midst. We promise to abide with God and let God unsettle us for our work of Love in the world. As the people of University Baptist church and the wider community of God, we promise to do our part in building the beloved community. May God be in our midst!*

### The Lord's Supper

### Benediction

Rev. Val Fisk

### Postlude – “Lord, Here Am I”

Trey Ogle & David Smith

**Thank you to all who served in making this day possible.**

### Members of the Ordination Council:

Rev. Gary Dalton

Rachel Miller

Amanda Ohlms

Rev. Suzanne Smith

Rev. Mark Snipes (*Missions Coordinator, CBF of Virginia*)

Dr. Matthew Tennant (*Senior Minister, University Baptist Church*)

Rev. Roy Thomas

## Today's Worship Leaders:

**Dr. Andrew Arterbury** (*Professor of Christian Scriptures, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX*)

**Rev. Alba Beasley** (*Associate Minister, University Baptist Church*)

**Rev. Will Brown** (*Associate Minister, University Baptist Church*)

**Haleigh Culverhouse, LMSW** (*former student in Val's ministry at University Baptist Church, Waco, TX*)

**Aaron Everic** (*seminary classmate of Val; Associate Pastor of Student Ministries, Huguenot Road Baptist Church, Richmond, VA*)

**Rev. Lauryn Everic** (*seminary classmate of Val; Associate Minister to Youth, Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, VA*)

**Trey Ogle** (*Organist, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, TN*)

**Rev. Dr. Cindy Wallace** (*family member; Chaplain, Washington D.C. V.A. Medical Center*)

**Rev. Dr. Robert Wallace** (*family member; Senior Pastor, McLean Baptist Church*)

**Dr. Joel Weaver** (*Professor of Christian Scriptures, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX*)

**Toph Whisnant** (*Community Pastor, University Baptist Church, Waco, TX*)

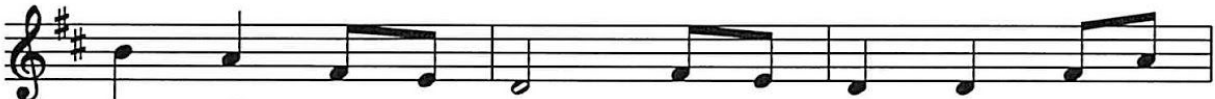
**Jared Worsham** (*close friend of Val*)

# SING A NEW CHURCH

NETTLETON



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in
2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, Robed in
3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



1. our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of
2. ho - li - ness and light, All cre - a - ted in God's
3. Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
4. art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
5. hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er

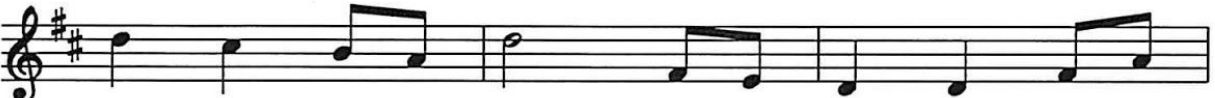


1. Je - sus, Rich - er still in - u - ni - ty:
2. im - age, All cre - a - ted, God's de - light:
3. prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
4. jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.
5. wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.

## Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in



splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new church in - to



be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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# Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

