



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



“Our Keeper of Wisdom” by Carol Watanabe

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. Val Fisk

Prelude

Barbara Moore

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (Engel)

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

Rev. Alba Beasley

Wisdom calls to us. She calls out to each of us, beckoning us:
to experience peace in Christ, to discover the truth of life,
to know true love as it is poured into our hearts.

Wisdom calls.

As we gather this day, let us answer her call as we celebrate faith
in Jesus Christ as Lord.

Hymn – “O Wisdom, Breathed from God on High”

O Wisdom, Breathed from God

1. O Wis - dom breathed from God, Most High, your depths all cos - mic bounds de - fy,
2. O Day - spring, ev - er shin - ing bright, O Sun of jus - tice, splen - did light,
3. All praise to you, Great Mys - ter - y, the un - di - vid - ed Trin - i - ty,

Your might in gen - tle - ness holds sway; come forth and teach your pru - dent way.
shine on each soul by sin held fast, break through the clouds of death at last.
Our con - stant aid, on you we call: one God, the Mo - ther of us all.

MUSIC: Thomas Tallis, c. 1505-1585

TALLIS' CANON

St. 1, 2, "O Antiphons," Latin, 6th-7th century,
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994
St. 3, The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Invocation

Rev. Will Brown

Greeting

Rev. Brown

Words of Faith

Gospel Lesson - John 1:1-18

Ray Gaines

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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Blessing

Rev. Alba Beasley

Reflection – “We Three Kings” (Hayes)
Children’s Sermon

Barbara Moore
Erin Brown and Rev. Fisk

Apocryphal Reading - Sirach 24:1-12
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Gary Dalton

Morning Prayer

Rev. Fisk

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God” (arr. MacDonald)

Sermon – “In Praise of Wisdom”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation

String Quartet

"What Child Is This?" (arr. Thompson)

Words of Commitment & Blessing

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Dr. Tennant

Hymn – “Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou My Vision

Not that we are sufficient ... but our sufficiency is of God — 2 Corinthians 3:5 KJV

Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; versified, Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

MUSIC: Traditional Irish Melody; harm. David Evans, 1874-1948

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Congregational Benediction – “Blest Be the Tie”

Postlude – “Christ Was Born To Save” (Pethel)

Barbara Moore

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