



## Worship of God in Christ October 17, 2021

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. Will Brown

Prelude

Barbara Moore and Dean Tennant

“Adagio from Sonata in D Minor” (Loeillet de Gant)

Opening the Bible

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

Call to Reflection

Rev. Val Fisk

Background - Music from the Taize Community

Will Cooke

Congregational Song - “Bless the Lord”

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Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

*p*

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

*p*

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 117 (unison)

**Praise the Lord, all you nations! Worship him, all you peoples!  
For great is God’s steadfast love toward us,  
the Lord’s faithfulness endures forever! Praise the Lord!**

*Reflection Questions: As you write in your journal, consider the ways God’s presence in your life sustains and nurtures you. For what are you grateful today?*

Choir – “Nothing Can Trouble” – from a prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.*

Gospel Reading – Luke 23:39-43

Rachel Miller

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Reflection Questions: In the silence of this worship space, consider where you see yourself in the Gospel lesson we have read. What words do you find yourself saying to Jesus? What message do you long to hear?*

Congregational Song – “Jesus, Remember Me”

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Prayer for Healing

Rev. Brown

*Reflection Questions: As you continue writing in your journal, consider the places in your life where you feel the Spirit nudging you toward healing. Where do you hope to experience God more fully in your life?*

Choir – “Holy Is the Name of God”

*Holy is the name of God. Sing out my soul, praising God evermore.  
Holy is the name of God. Sing out my soul, giving praise to God.*

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:21-23, 28-31

Alexis Haskiell

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Comfort

Rev. Fisk

*Reflection Questions: As you continue writing in your journal, consider where you have felt the need for God. Where have you reached the end of your own strength? How might God be speaking a word of comfort to you?*

Choir – “Holy Is the Name of God”

Instrumental Meditation

Adam Carter

*As the music plays, continue reflecting prayerfully in your journal or in silent prayer with God. You may also light a candle as a tangible expression of the Spirit’s presence.*

Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer – “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 53:1-3

Ray Gaines

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Instrumental Meditation

Adam Carter

Congregational Song – “Alleluia”

The image shows a musical score for a congregational song titled "Alleluia". It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes four verses of lyrics. The second system repeats the first verse. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: D7, G, Bm7, C, Am7, D, C/G, G.

D7 G Bm7 C Am7 D C/G G

1. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
2. He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior,  
3. He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy,  
4. I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,

D7 G Bm7 C Am7 D G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!  
He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior, He's my Sav - ior!  
He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy, He is wor - thy!  
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him!

## 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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### "Out of the Box"

*Faith in Christ defies our expectations and draws us beyond our own understanding. God is never constrained by the boxes we build. During the month of October, we explore the ways God is pulling us "out of the box." You will notice some variety in our worship each week, as a way to stimulate our minds and make us more aware of our routines and assumptions. Each Sunday will be different. Our hope is that through this month-long experience, we will each become more deeply attuned to God's presence in our worship and in our lives—whatever form that may take.*

*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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