



# Worship of God in Christ

## October 17, 2021

Opening Song – “God Welcomes All” (John Bell)

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Opening Words

Rev. Val Fisk

Homily, Part 1

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Prelude – “Prelude” (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

Leader: Whose voices cry out but are not heard?

Leader: Who in this community have been told to remain quiet?

**People: May we listen deeply and hear their voices, imitating the God Who Hears.**

**SING: “God Welcomes All”**

Leader: Whose voices have been excluded from communities like ours?

Leader: Who has been told they are not good enough to belong?

**People: May we embrace those who have been rejected, sharing the welcome of our loving God.**

*SING: "God Welcomes All"*

Leader: Who has experienced difficulty belonging because of disability?

Leader: Whose contributions have been overlooked because they are different?

**People: May we learn from the richness of our diversity, that all of us may love and serve our God as one. Amen.**

\*Hymn - "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"

\*Invocation

Rev. Fisk

Greeting

Rev. Fisk

Children's Sermon

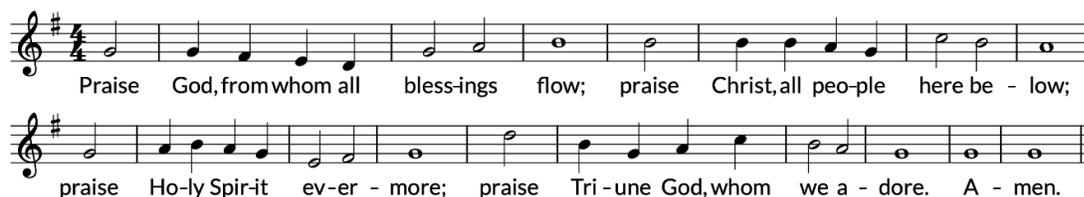
Erin Brown

Blessing

Will Cooke

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\*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here be - low;  
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

New Testament Lesson - Hebrews 7:23-28

Jubilate

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Morning Prayer

Rev. Will Brown

Gospel Lesson - Mark 10:46-52

Jubilate

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem - "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Jubilate

Sermon - "Subversive Faith"

Dr. Tennant

Meditation

Barbara Moore

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

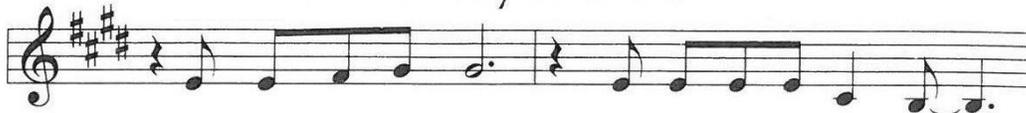
\*Hymn - "For Everyone Born"

\*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

\* Please stand if you are able

# For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Retrain*



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

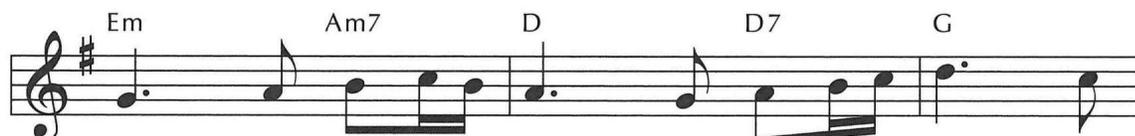


jus-tice and joy!

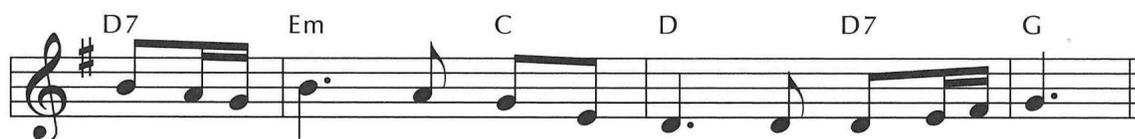
# When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace



1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty  
 2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and  
 3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,  
 4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the  
 5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you



of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that  
 praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that  
 God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing  
 ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that  
 well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as



love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.  
 hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.  
 can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.  
 we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.  
 one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God's people serve the church and world. Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

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 MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988  
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# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Words by Frederick William Faber, Music by Calvin Hampton

*Introduction*

1. There's a wide - ness
2. There is no place
3. But we make God's
4. For the love of

in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea; there's a kind - ness  
 where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place  
 love too nar - row with false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
 God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind; and the heart of

in God's jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 where God's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 fy God's strict - ness with a zeal love can - not own.  
 the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the wea - ry and a pro - mised grace made  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been  
 There is room for fresh cre - a - tions, and for worlds as new as  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your

good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in the  
 shed; there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the  
 this; there is room e - nough for thou - sands in that Up - per Room of  
 word; and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the

*Interlude / Ending*

blood.  
 Head.  
 bliss.  
 Lord.

## “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.*

## WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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