



Worship of God in Christ March 27, 2022



“The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Rembrandt

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 Will Cooke

Prelude – “O God, Thou Faithful God” (arr. Brahms) 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 – Psalm 126 Rev. Val Fisk

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like
those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with
shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great
things for them.”

People: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like dry streams in the desert
waste.

People: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Leader: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*Hymn – “How Firm a Foundation”

*Invocation Rev. Will Brown

Greeting Rev. Brown
*Please take a moment to pass and sign the red booklets found in each row
so that we have a record of your presence with us today.*

Missions Moment Scarlette Jasper

Children’s Sermon Erin Brown

Gospel Lesson – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24 Lara Howell

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

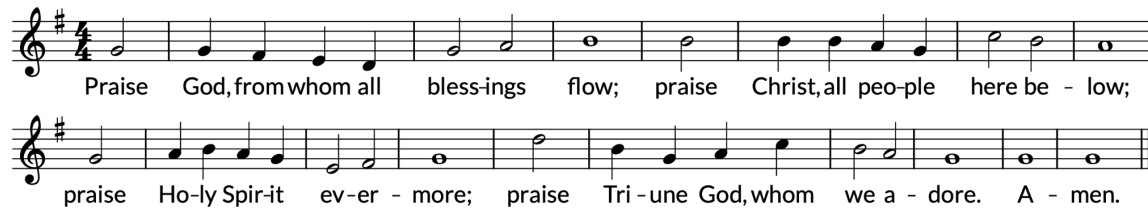
*Hymn – “Two Years into This Pandemic”

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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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.

Gospel Lesson – Luke 15:25-32

Debby Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – “Out of the Deep” (arr. Rutter)

See insert for lyrics

Sanctuary Choir

Lidia Shimer, Cello

Sermon – “Stubborn Hopefulness”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation

Barbara Moore

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking
with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.*

*Hymn – “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude – “Into Thy Hands I Give My Spirit” (arr. Demessieux)

Barbara

Moore

** Please stand if you are able.*

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign,
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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Two Years into This Pandemic

Text: William Brown, 2021

Tune: SALLEY GARDENS, Irish folk melody



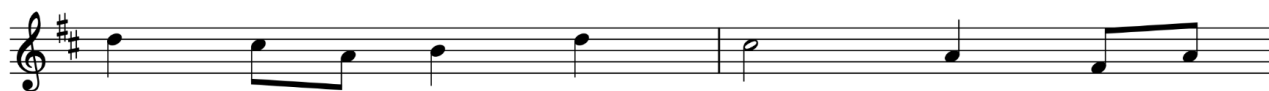
1. Two years in - to this pan - dem - ic, what
2. Our fu - ture re - mains un - cer - tain, the
3. When ex - iles re - turned to Zi - on, re -



mes - sage do we hear? Two years of griefs and
road a - head un - known. Yet you have al - ways
joic - ing filled the air. They praised your strength and



loss - es, of lives closed off in fear. Will
steered us, new path - ways you have shown. Through
mer - cy, know - ing you re - stored them there. When



suff - ering last for - ev - er? Have you
wil - der - ness and de - sert, your
all that pro - pels us on - ward is our



turned your face a - way? O God of con - so -
hand will make a way. O God of res - tor -
hope in the God you've been, O God of res - ur -



la - tion, Sus - tain us now, we pray.
a - tion, Dir - rect our steps, we pray.
rec - tion, Turn tears to joy a - gain.

“Out of the Deep”

Out of the deep have I called unto thee,
O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well:
the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme
to mark what is done amiss?
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee,
therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord;
my soul doth wait for him;
in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord
before the morning watch,
I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Psalm 130

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
what it is none but his loved ones know.
glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 12th cent.; trans. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.
MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866, alt.

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