



## Worship of God in Christ March 26, 2023



"Love One Another" by Eloise Schneider Mote

## 5th Sunday in Lent

Marking of the Hour Karen Dalton  
*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 – “Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision” (arr. Hayes) Karen Dalton

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 (based on John 15:1-8) Megan Counts

One: God is the True Vine,

**Many: And we are the branches.**

One: Connected to God.

**Many: Connected to bear fruit!**

One: Connected to God.

**Many: Or we wither away.**

One: Connected to God.

**Many: Or useless!**

One: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**Many: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might  
bear good fruit!**

\*Hymn – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

\*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

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

Children’s Sermon Tommy Deal

Children’s Bible Presentation

\*Hymn - “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Old Testament Lesson - Ezekiel 37:1-14 Hadessah Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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\*Doxology

Gospel Lesson - John 15:12-17

Sam Arayedupin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem – “Go Not Far From Me” (Zingarelli)

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – “That Stinker Made Me Do It”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation

Karen Dalton

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 – “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

\*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude – “Give Thanks”

Karen Dalton

*\* Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Greater love has no one than this — John 15:13 NIV*

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer:  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; Take it to the Lord in prayer:

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a so - lace there.

WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886  
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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# We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
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# Called as Partners in Christ's Service



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

# 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.

**ABOUT US:** University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at [universitybaptist.org](http://universitybaptist.org)

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