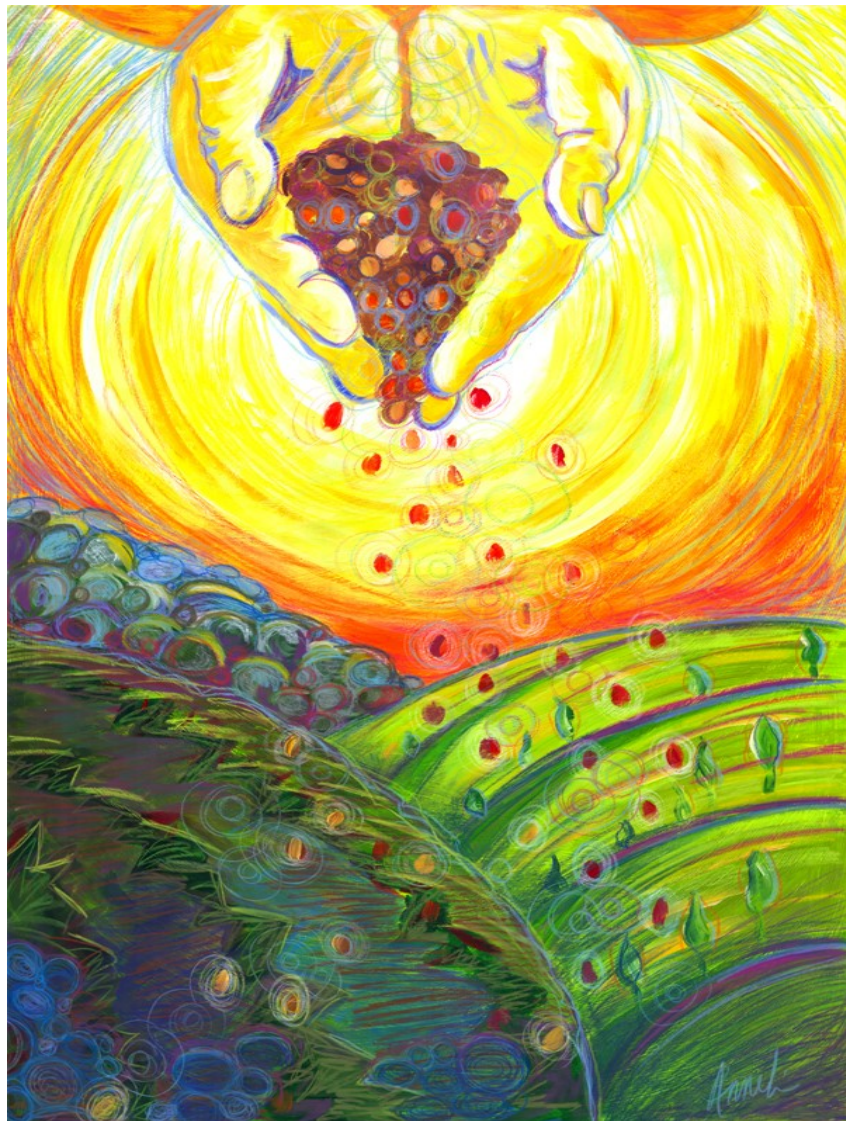




Worship of God in Christ May 7, 2023



"Sower of Seeds" by Anneli Anderson

5th Sunday of Easter

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 – “God Who Made the Earth and Heaven” (arr. Cherwein)

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

Anna Linehan

One: God made a wonderful world.

Many: It's so easy to take it for granted.

One: Today, we will pause and give thanks for all that is good.

Many: We will praise God for the mountains and rivers and creatures that roam the earth.

One: Today, we will give thanks for truth, beauty, and goodness.

Many: We thank God for loving us and for the chance to love one another.

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

“Hymn – “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*Invocation & 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

Susan Hellings

Mission Moment - Wonderful World Testimony

Debby Johnson

*Hymn - "Worthy of Worship"

Blessing of Graduates (*see insert*)

Rev. Fisk

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 139:7-12

Anna Beamer

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Tommy Deal

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Gospel Lesson – Matthew 13:1-9

Daniel Harper

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem – "Even When He is Silent (Arnesen)

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – "Even Then, God Was There"

Rev. Braxton Kemp

Meditation - "What a Wonderful World"

Barbara Moore

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Fisk & Rev. Kemp

Invitation

Rev. Fisk

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

*Hymn – "Softly and Tenderly" v.1&4

*Benediction

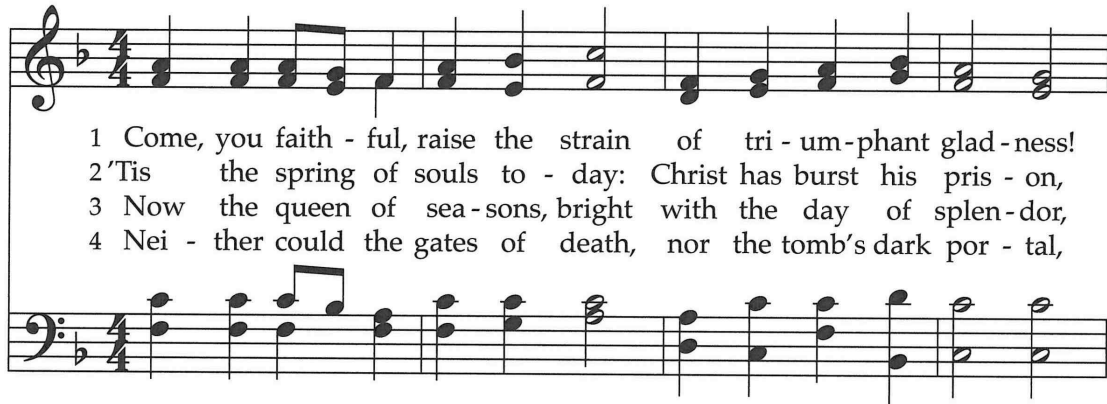
Rev. Kemp

*Postlude – "Let the Whole Creation Cry, Alleluia!" (arr. Manz)

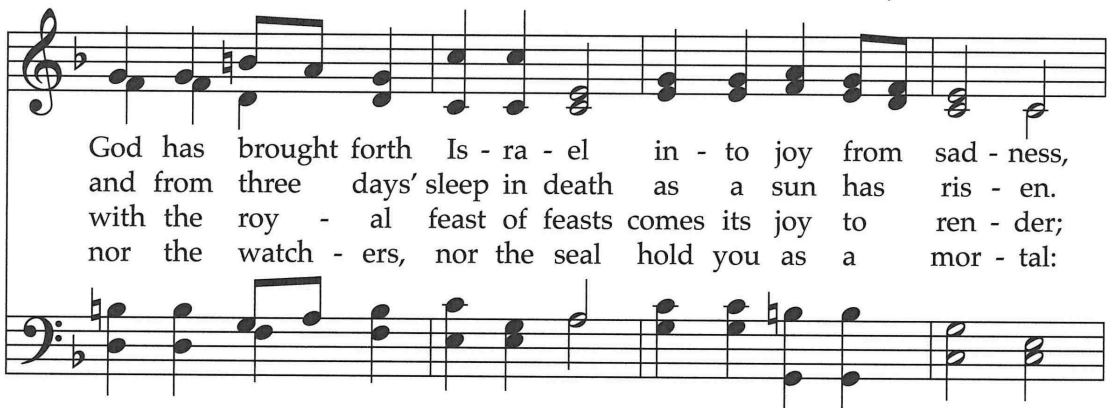
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** Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

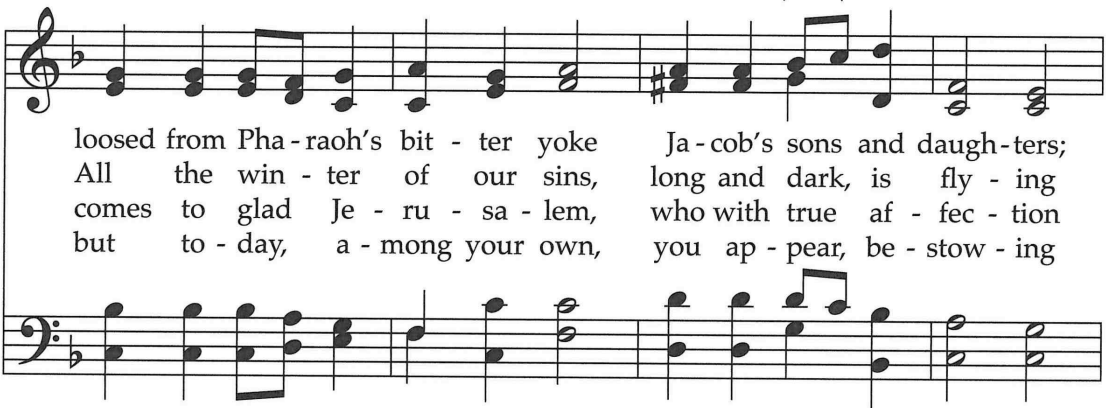
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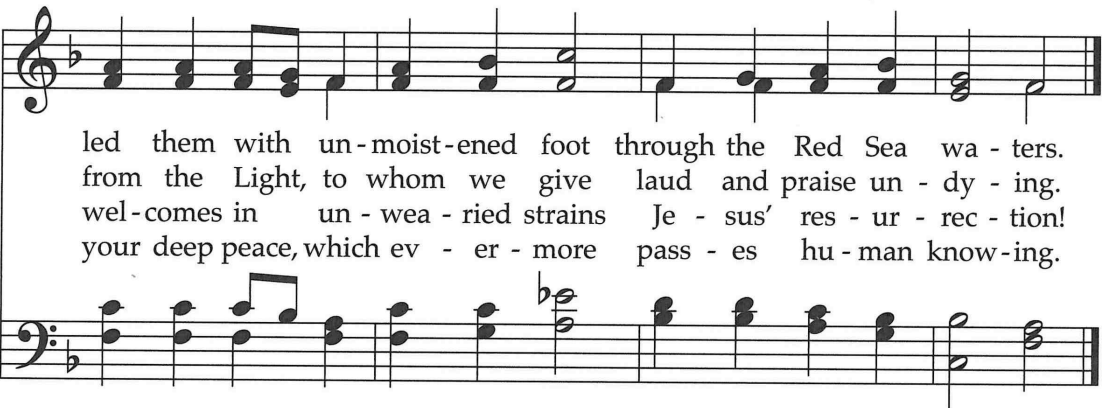
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

Worthy of Worship

You are worthy... to receive glory and honor and power — Revelation 4:11 NIV

1. Wor - thy of wor - ship, wor - thy of praise, wor - thy of hon - or and
2. Wor - thy of rev - 'rence, wor - thy of fear, wor - thy of love and de -
3. Al - might - y Fa - ther, Mas - ter and Lord, King of all kings and Re -

glo - ry; Wor - thy of all the glad songs we can sing, wor - thy of
vo - tion; Wor - thy of bow - ing and bend - ing of knees, wor - thy of
deem - er, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Friend, Sav - ior and

all of the off - 'rings we bring. You are wor - thy, Fa - ther, Cre -
all this and add - ed to these...
Source of our life with - out end.

a - tor. You are wor - thy, Sav - ior, Sus - tain - er. You are wor - thy,

wor - thy and won - der - ful; Wor - thy of wor - ship and praise.

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Blessing of Graduates

Leader: We stand in awe and humility, O God our Creator,

People: Of the good gifts that you have shared with us through these graduates.

Leader: You have instilled in them an insatiable curiosity about your world, your people, and your earth.

People: This curiosity, this thirst for truth, has led them here to this place,

Leader: And we are so grateful for the privilege to hold them close

People: As they grew, struggled, discovered, and flourished.

Leader: And now, as they go from here,

We ask that you would graciously continue to fill them

People: With a deep and abiding knowledge of your love for them.

Leader: And we, who remain here, ask that you would fill us

People: With a deep and abiding love to continue loving them in their transitions.

Leader: [Read graduate name(s)], and those who are not present with us today,

People: As you move into your next chapter, know that we hold you in our hearts, and that you carry this community with you.

Leader: We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,

People: To tend to the world and help set it right once again.

Leader: May you have an open heart to feel the world's pain,

People: And courage enough not to be overwhelmed by its suffering.

Leader: May you pour out love to every person you encounter,

People: Seeing the Image of the Divine that sparks within each human.

Leader: We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,

People: To add beauty in this world.

Leader: May you be filled with imagination

People: So that you can see the hope of resurrection and let it shine through you.

Leader: May you live your life with an awareness that real life is happening to you right now,

People: And that life does not begin at some later milestone.

Leader: We commission you to go forth from this place

People: As the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

Leader: You have formed us, and we are a better community because of your presence.

ALL: As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to empower you, to strengthen your faith, and to comfort you in all that will come.

Amen.

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.

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MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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Softly and Tenderly

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" — Matthew 11:28 NIV

*1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing for
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, Pass - ing from
*4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for

you and for me; See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies,
you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,
you and for me; Tho' we have sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,

Watch - ing for you and for me.
Mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
Com - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
Par - don for you and for me.

Ye who are wea - ry come home; Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

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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