



## Worship of God in Christ May 21, 2023



"The Ascension" by Jesus Mafa (1973)

## Celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord

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 – “Let the Trumpets Sound and the People Rejoice” (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 Lily Gregg

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**Many: a new world has broken into ours–**

One: a world in which justice does come for the poor,

**Many: freedom comes for the prisoners and healing for the sick.**

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**Many: a new community has been formed–**

One: a community that loves and cares for all members,

**Many: a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, and a place where all find a place of belonging.**

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**Many: a new creation has begun–**

One: all that was distorted is being restored,

**Many: all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.**

One: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**Many: God’s new world has begun.**

“Hymn – “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!”

\*Invocation Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting Rev. Val Fisk

*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 Jen May

Mission Moment— Vacation Bible School Melanie Tennant

\*Hymn - "He Keeps Me Singing" v.1,4,5

Gospel Lesson – Luke 24:44-53 Kevin Wright  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Morning Prayer and Blessing Dr. Matthew Tennant  
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of the sanctuary, and electronic giving is available  
on our Facebook page and at [universitybaptist.org/give](http://universitybaptist.org/give).*

\*Doxology

New Testament Lesson – Acts 1:1-11 Laura Martindale  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthems – "Heavenly Home" by Kirchner  
1. "Unclouded Day" 2. "Angel Band" Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – "Is this the time?" Dr. 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 – "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

\*Benediction Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude – "Tocatta in F (Symphony V) (Widor) Barbara Moore

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

# Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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William Chatterton Dix, 1866

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter,  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Thou on earth our  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of

His the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,  
sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;  
food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful  
lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry,

His the vic - to - ry a - lone! Hark! the songs of peace - ful  
Faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
Flee to Thee from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
Earth Thy foot - stool, heaven Thy throne. Thou with - in the veil hast

Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of  
ceived Him, When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of  
en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both

ev - ery na - tion Hath re - deemed us by His blood.  
get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
Priest and Vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

# He Keeps Me Singing

He put a new song in my mouth — Psalm 40:3 NIV

★1. There's with - in my heart a mel - o - dy; Je - sus whis - pers  
2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, Dis - cord filled my  
3. Feast - ing on the rich - es of His grace, Rest - ing 'neath His  
★4. Tho' some - times He leads thro' wa - ters deep, Tri - als fall a -  
★5. Soon He's com - ing back to wel - come me Far be - yond the

sweet and low, "Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,"  
heart with pain, Je - sus swept a - cross the bro - ken strings,  
shel - t'ring wing, Al - ways look - ing on His smil - ing face,  
cross the way; Tho' some - times the path seems rough and steep,  
star - ry sky; I shall wing my flight to worlds un - known,

In all of life's ebb and flow.  
Stirred the slum - b'ring chords a - gain. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, Sweet - est  
That is why I shout and sing, all the way.  
See His foot - prints all the way.  
I shall reign with Him on high.

name I know, Fills my ev - 'ry long - ing, Keeps me sing - ing as I go.

WORDS: Luther B. Bridgers, 1884-1948  
MUSIC: Luther B. Bridgers, 1884-1948

SWEETEST NAME  
Irregular

# 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  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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# Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

# 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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