

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Charlottesville, VA

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
September 10, 2023
15th Sunday After Pentecost

Marking 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. Susan Deal

Prelude

When in Our Music God is Glorified

arr. Page

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

Ask a Question of the Earth

Tommy Deal



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it.

*Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Invocation

Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting

Rev. 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.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139:7-12 (p.503)

Debby Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn

My Lord is Near Me All the Time

FOREST PARK

During the last stanza of this hymn, we invite the children to come forward for the children's Sermon.

Children's Sermon – Backpack Blessing

Dr. Matthew Tennant

As we gather here today, we come with open hearts,
Ready to offer our blessings and support.

This backpack before us is more than just a bag,
It's a vessel of learning, a carrier of dreams.

With eager hands, we fill it with tools of knowledge,
Books, pens, and curiosity that knows no bounds.

Let us offer our blessings for the journey ahead,
For the challenges faced and the lessons learned.

May this backpack be a constant reminder,
Of the opportunities that lie ahead, waiting to be seized.

Let knowledge flow like a river from these pages,
Filling the mind with wisdom and understanding.

As this backpack rests upon the shoulders of the bearer,
May it be a source of strength and resilience.

Let it carry not only books but also hope,
The hope for a brighter future and a world made better.

As we bless this backpack and its owner today,
We infuse it with our support, love, and encouragement.

May this journey be filled with laughter, growth, and success,
And may this backpack always be a symbol of potential realized.

Let us now join our voices in blessing,
For the student, the traveler, and the seeker of knowledge.

*We invite children in grades K-2 to exit and continue worshiping
in Children's Church upstairs in Room 210.*

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Roy Thomas

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Facebook page and at universitybaptist.org/give.

*Doxology

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:35-41 (p.816)

Larry Martin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Ellingboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Thru' all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing!
It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing?
What tho' the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth, it liveth.
What tho' the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep,
how can I keep from singing? ... from singing? singing.

Sermon

Weathering the Storm

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 of Response

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HYMN TO JOY

Benediction

Dr. Tennant

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Tornquist

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

Instrumentalist:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

Church Staff

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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.

Newsletter: If you would like to stay updated on all the latest news and events at UBC, please call or email the church office at linda@universitybaptist.org.

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Newsletter



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Giving



God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, September 10

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:30 ESOL Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Youth Lunch & Mission Project
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
6:30 Jubilate Dinner

MONDAY, September 11

10:30 Bible Reading Group
12:00 Children's Ministry Team Meeting

TUESDAY, September 12

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle Meeting
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

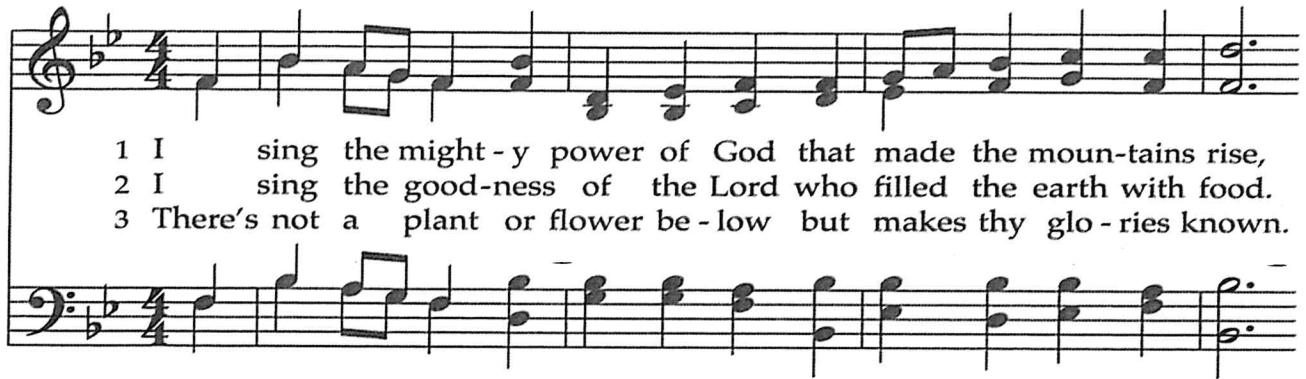
WEDNESDAY, September 13

9:00 Work Team
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Wednesday Night Program
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

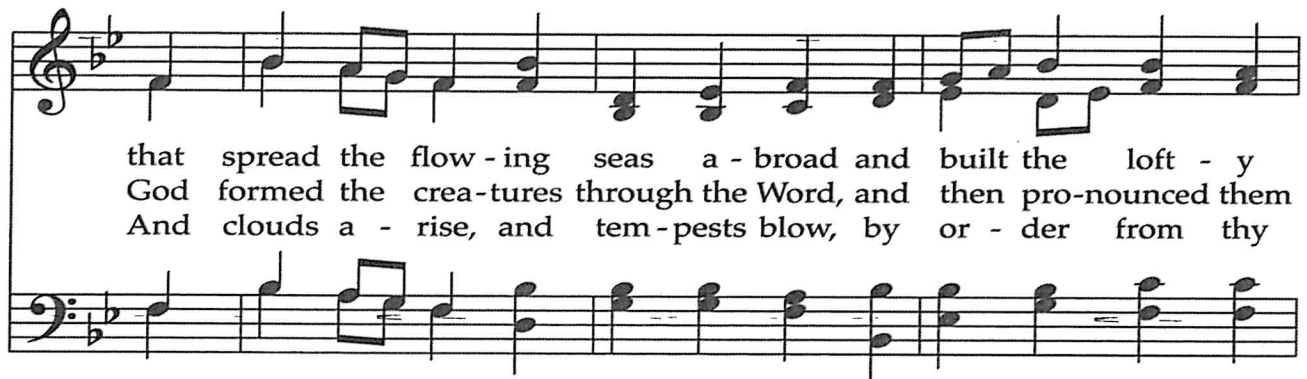
THURSDAY, September 14

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

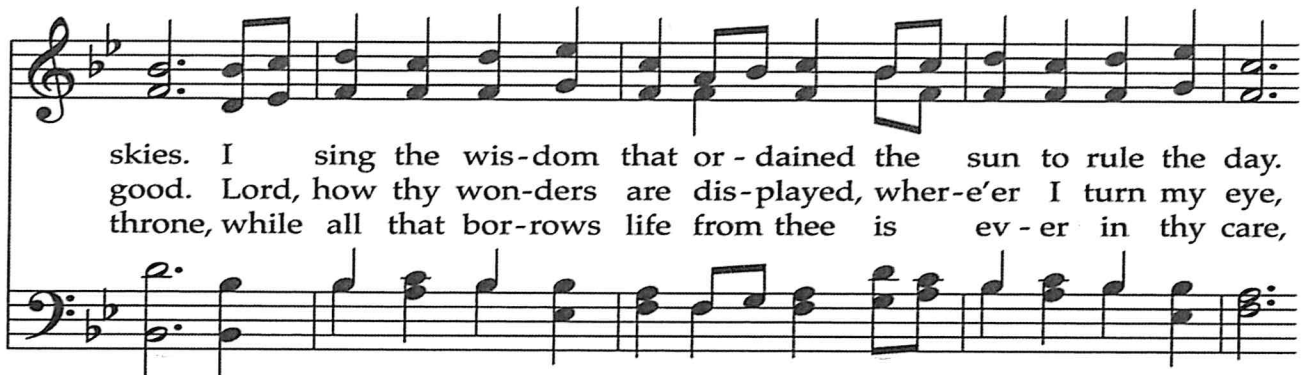
I Sing the Mighty Power of God



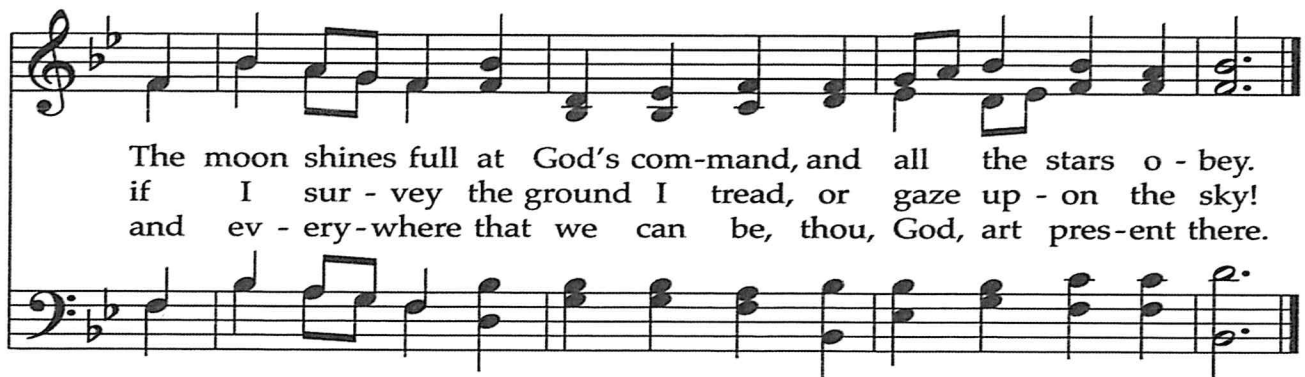
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



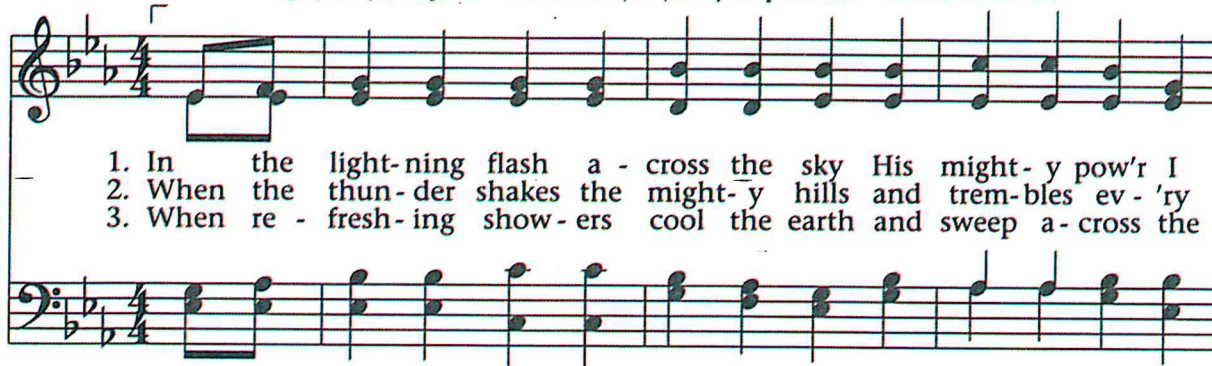
skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



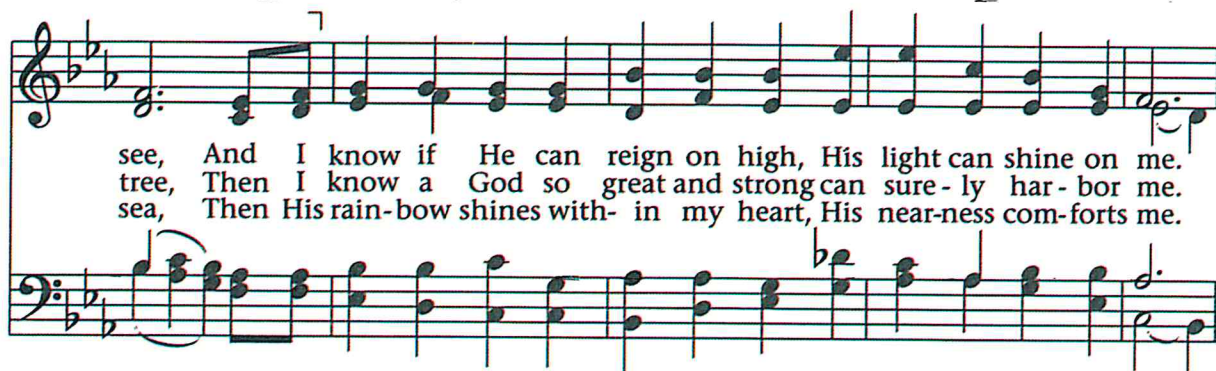
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

My Lord Is Near Me All the Time

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? — Psalm 139:7 NIV



1. In the light-ning flash a - cross the sky His might - y pow'r I
2. When the thun - der shakes the might - y hills and trem - bles ev - 'ry
3. When re - fresh - ing show - ers cool the earth and sweep a - cross the



see, And I know if He can reign on high, His light can shine on me.
tree, Then I know a God so great and strong can sure - ly har - bor me.
sea, Then His rain - bow shines with - in my heart, His near - ness com - forts me.



I've seen it in the light - ning, heard it in the thun - der, and



felt it in the rain; My Lord is near me all the



time, My Lord is near me all the time.

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.

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

And God said, "Let there be lights" — Genesis 1:14 NIV

1. God, who stretched the span-gled heav-ens In-fi-nite in
2. We have con- quered worlds un- dreamed of Since the child- hood
3. As Thy new ho- ri- zons beck- on, Fa- ther, give us

time and place, Flung the suns in burn- ing ra- diance Thro' the
of our race, Known the ec- sta- sy of wing- ing Thro' un-
strength to be Chil- dren of cre- a- tive pur- pose, Serv- ing

si- lent fields of space, We, Thy chil- dren, in Thy like- ness,
chart- ed realms of space, Probed the se- crets of the at- om,
man and hon- 'ring Thee, Till our dreams are rich with mean- ing,

Share in- ven- tive pow'rs with Thee, Great Cre- at- or,
Yield- ing un- im- ag- ined pow'r, Fac- ing us with
Each en- deav- or Thy de- sign, Great Cre- at- or,

still cre- at- ing, Teach us what we yet may be.
life's de- struc- tion Or our most tri- um- phant hour.
lead us on- ward Till our work is one with Thine.