

### Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ October 22, 2023 21st 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 Dr. Matthew Tennant

Prelude O God, Our Help in Ages Past arr. Manz

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 Will Cooke

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord be upon us.

\*Hymn of Praise To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\*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.

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (p.959) Debby Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God! \*Hymn

#### God, the Father of Your People

HOLY MANNA

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

Children's Sermon

Susan Hellings

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

Litany of Celebration

Rev. Fisk

Upon seeing Mary pregnant with her Savior, Elizabeth exclaimed in a loud voice:

#### "Blessed are you among women. And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus."

Today we remember the women who have formed us in the way of Christ, both Kellan Phipps, all the foremothers of University Baptist Church, and the foremothers of Baptist Women in Ministry. We remember their tenacity, tenderness, and triumphs.

#### Blessed are you among women. And blessed is the fruit of your legacy.

We remember those whose stories we haven't heard, the women who led in a time before we recognized their giftings through ordination. We remember those who were silenced, and those who are still being silenced even today.

#### Blessed are you among women. And blessed is the fruit of your ministry.

As we imagine the worlds of our daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters, we pledge to disquiet the water of patriarchy. We ask for creative inspiration as we teach young women that they are called as ministers of God.

#### Blessed are you among women. And blessed is the fruit of your future.

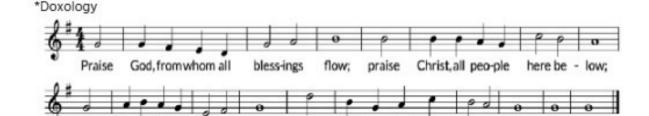
We offer these blessings with humility and boldness. So may the God of women, the God of all humanity, disrupt the status quo, awaken our consciousness, and stir the winds of justice for all people.

#### Let It happen in us. Amen.

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Gary Dalton

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Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22 (p.803-04)

Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

Hadessah Johnson

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**  Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

And what-so-ever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

And what-so-ever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

And what-so-ever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come.

Upon this rock I will build my church. Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

Arise, arise, arise!

Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell,
the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!

Congregation, please stand and sing.
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation by Spirit and the word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride.

With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
Yet she on earth hath union with Father, Spirit, Son.
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Sermon Authority As a Function of Service 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 In My Life LORD, BE GLORIFIED

\*Benediction Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude Our Eternal Home arr. Manz

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

Instrumentalist: Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

#### Church Staff

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## 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 university baptist.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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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, October 22

9:30 ESOL Class 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Homecoming Luncheon 6:30 Jubilate Dinner

#### MONDAY, October 23

10:30 Bible Reading Group 12:00 Missions Council Meeting

#### TUESDAY, October 24

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

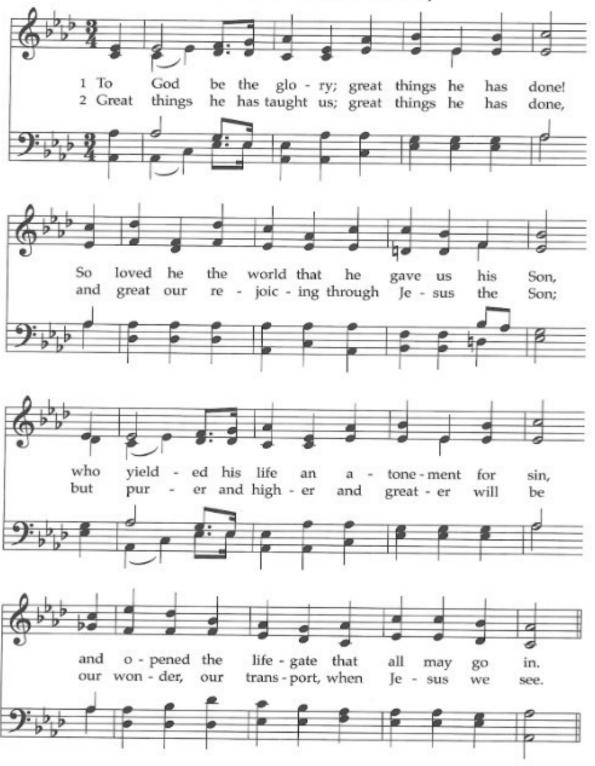
#### WEDNESDAY, October 25

9:00 Work Team 10:00 PBJ Bible Study 5:30 Wed. Night Dinner 6:00 Wed. Night Program 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### SATURDAY, October 28

11:00 College to Haunt at Kings Dominion

# To God Be the Glory





## God, the Father of Your People



# In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

