

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
November 19, 2023
25th 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. Val Fisk

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

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 (based on Psalm 123)

Lily Gregg

Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.
Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.
Gracious is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Welcoming and empowering God, we worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.
Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!
We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Invocation

Sheri Owen

Greeting

Sheri Owen

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.

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25:14-30 (p.807)	Debby Johnson
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!	
*Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> <i>During the last stanza of this hymn, we invite the children to come forward for the Children's Sermon.</i>	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Children's Sermon	<i>We invite children in grades K-2 to exit and continue worshipping in Children's Church upstairs in Room 210.</i>	Glenna Ohlms
Morning Prayer and Blessing	<i>The ministries of University Baptist Church are made possible by your financial support. Offering boxes are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, and electronic giving is on our Facebook page and at universitybaptist.org/give.</i>	Tommy Deal
*Doxology		
Mission Moment	Youth Retreat	Hunter Cooper
Anthem	<i>The Perfect Wisdom of God</i> The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe. All things created by His hand and held together by His command. He knows the myst'ries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His. He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day. The perfect timing of His ways along the path of righteousness. His Word a lamp unto my feet; His Spirit teaching and guiding me. And O the wisdom of the cross to save the helpless and the lost. He chose the fool to shame the wise that all the glory might go to Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia! O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love, and teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your Sovereignty. Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace. So through the trials I'll choose to say: "Your perfect will in Your perfect way." Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.	Mary McDonald
Old Testament Lesson	Zephaniah 1:12-18 (p.765-66)	Herman Eaker
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	Judgment Day & the Taoist Farmer	Dr. Matthew Tennant
Meditation		Barbara Moore
Invitation	<i>If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.</i>	Dr. Tennant

*Hymn of Response	<i>Just As I Am, Without One Plea</i>	WOODWORTH
*Benediction		Dr. Tennant
*Postlude	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	arr. Whitworth
<i>*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.</i>		

Instrumentalist:
Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

Church Staff

Senior Minister – Dr. Matthew Tennant
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Lily Gregg
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Jimmy Li
Jackie Lockwood
Carolyn Lowry
Jen May
Laura Morris
Sheri Owen
Michelle Proffitt
Jennifer Wagoner

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.

Additional Parking: Additional parking is available at the 14th St. Garage. Just show them your bulletin when you leave.

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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

<p>SUNDAY, November 19 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 9:30 ESOL Class 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 6:30 College Dinner 7:00 Jazz Vespers</p> <p>MONDAY, November 20 10:30 Bible Reading Group 1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group</p>	<p>TUESDAY, November 21 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal</p> <p>THURSDAY, November 23 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed</p> <p>FRIDAY, November 24 Office Closed</p>
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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -
 2. The Lord is nev - er far a-way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own his power pro-claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864 (Dt. 32:3)

MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

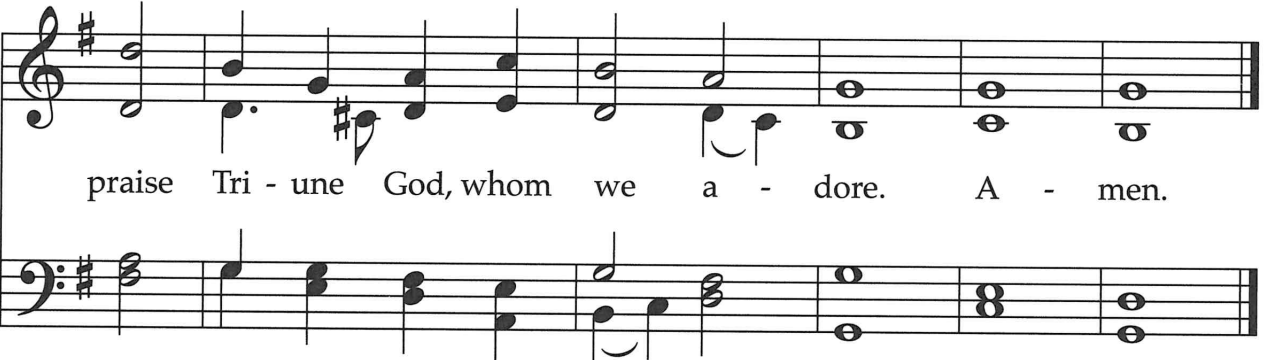
Doxology



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



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

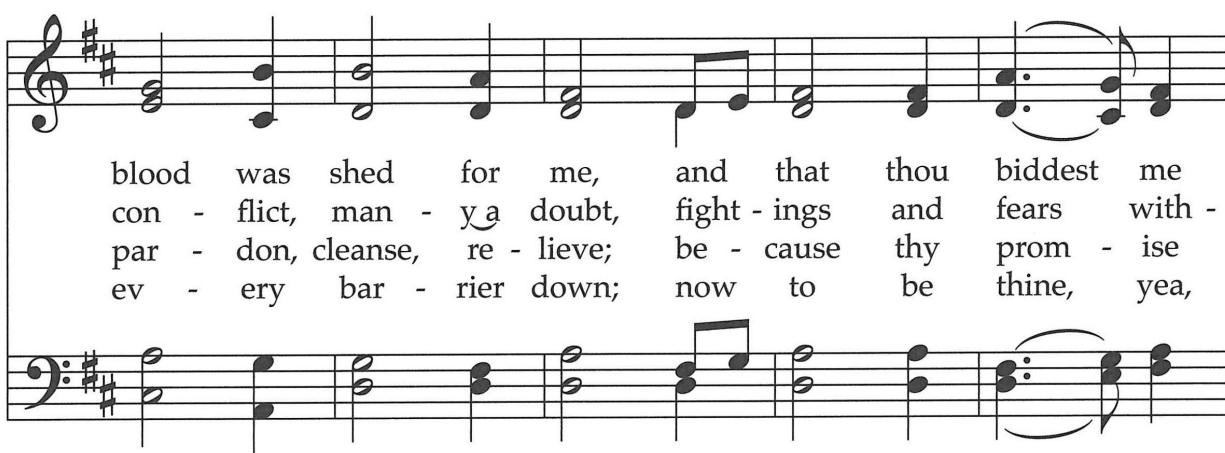


praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

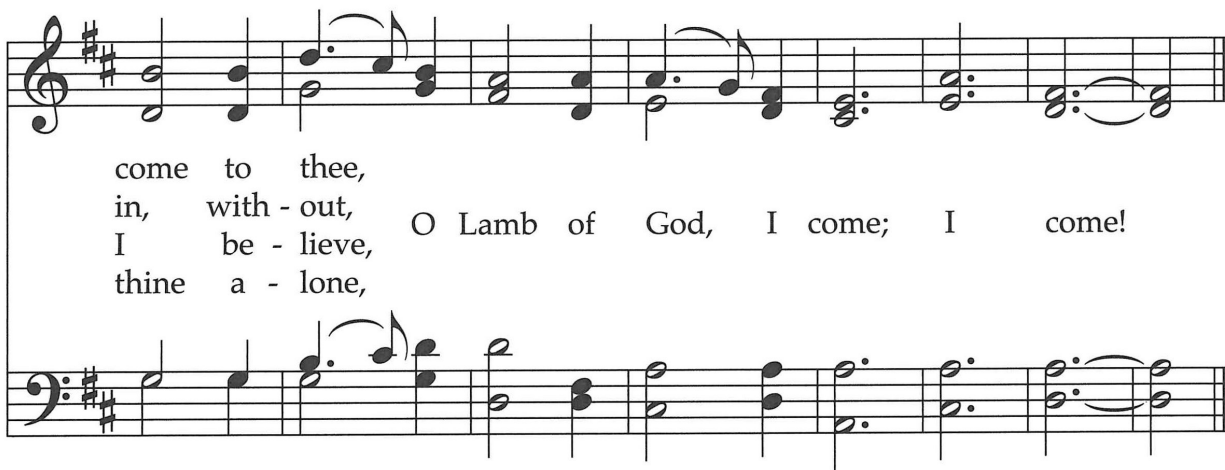
Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
in, with - out,
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
thine a - lone,