



Worship of God in Christ May 8, 2022

4th 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. Will Brown

Prelude – “Song” (Mendelssohn) 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 Will Cooke

Leader: When we stumble and our faith falters, God’s faithfulness bears us along.

People: When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong, God’s faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.

Leader: When our daily duties distract, and our visions grow fuzzy, God’s faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.

People: God’s faithfulness endures forever! We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our God this day and forever more!

*Hymn – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Invocation Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting Rev. Fisk

*Please take a moment to pass and sign the red booklets found in each row
so that we have a record of your presence with us today.*

Mission Moment Erin Brown

*Hymn – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Children are invited to come to the front as we sing the final stanza of the hymn.

Children’s Sermon Erin Brown

Epistle Lesson – Romans 8:31-39 Tommy Deal

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem – “Mary Speaks” (music by Daniel Gawthrop) Sanctuary Choir

Text by Madeleine L'Engle

O you who bear the pain of the whole earth,
I bore you.

O you whose tears give human tears their worth,
I laughed with you.

You, who, when your hem is touched, give power,
I nourished you.

Who turn the day to night in this dark hour,
light comes from you.

O you who hold the world in your embrace,
I carried you.

Whose arms encircled the world with your grace,
I once held you.

O you who laughed and ate and walked the shore,
I played with you.

And I, who with all others, you died for,
now I hold you.

May I be faithful to this final test:

In this last time I hold my child, my son,
his body close enfolded to my breast,
the holder held: the bearer borne.

Mourning to joy: darkness to morn.

Open, my arms: your work is done.

Morning Prayer and Blessing Rev. Brown

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*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here be - low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Lesson – Matthew 15:21-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel
Mary Jo Hendricks

Sermon – “Too Legit to Quit”

Kim Bunns

Meditation

Barbara Moore

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 – “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Blessing of Graduates (*see insert*)

Rev. Fisk

Benediction

Rev. Fisk

*Postlude - “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (arr. Hustad)
Moore

Barbara

** Please stand if you are able.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther, There is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, Sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright

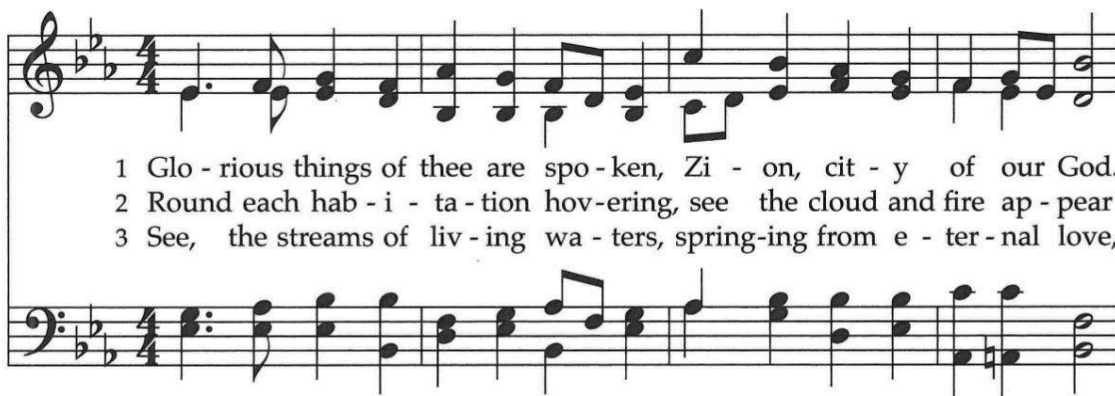
pas - sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

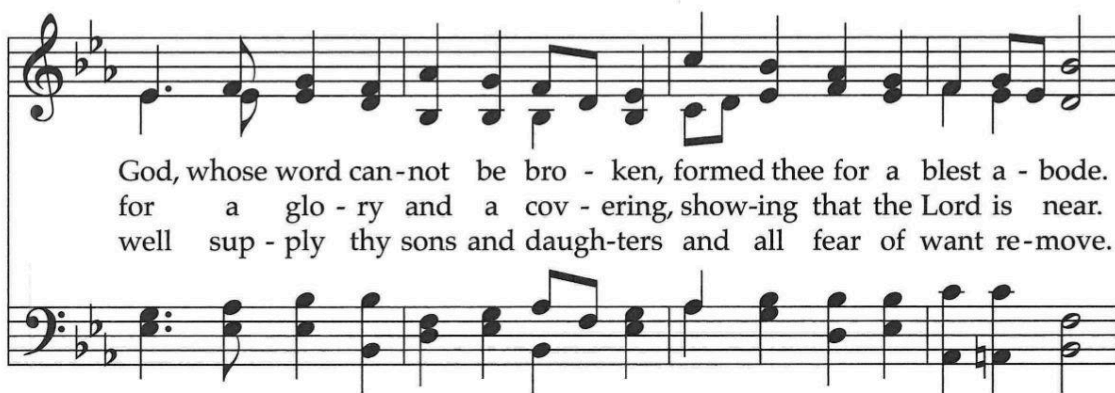
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

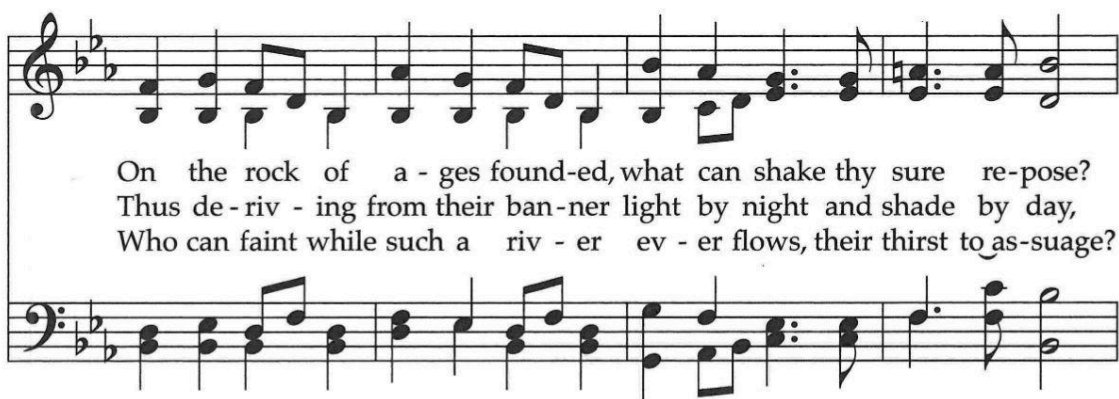
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



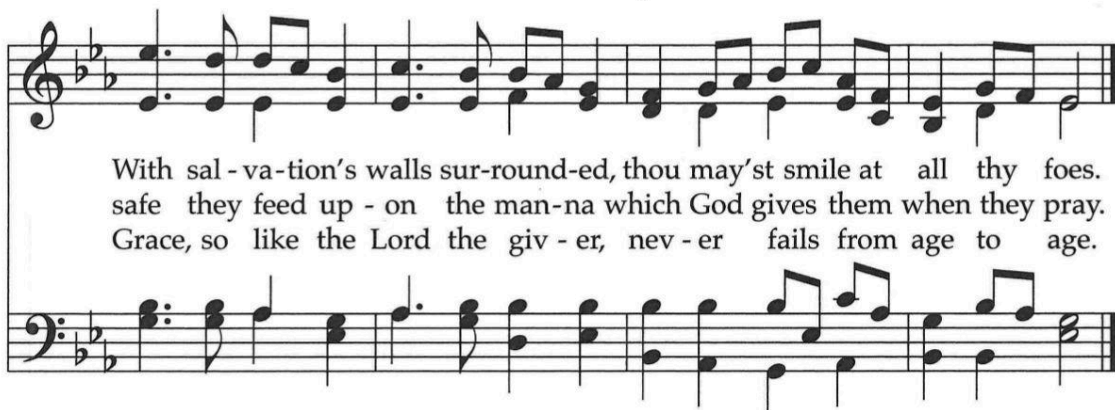
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd ... and shall gently lead those that are with young — Isaiah 40:11 KJV

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us, Be the guard - ian of our way;
3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;

In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare:
Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray:
Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our be - ings fill:

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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WORDS: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847; *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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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 to not 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.

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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FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in the memory of my mother, Frances C. Southall, by Jen May.

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.

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