

# The Church Gathered

May 15, 2022

11:00 a.m.

*We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,  
that we may understand what God has freely given us ... We have the mind of Christ. – 1 Cor. 2:12, 16*

Prelude *Near to the Heart of God* C. L. Bass  
Arr. C. L. Bass

Welcome to Worshippers Michael Mills

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast  
for me; place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.*

Responsive Reading 216 *The LORD is King* 1 Chron. 16:31, 34

*Pastor: Let the heavens be glad,*

**Congregation: and let the earth rejoice,**

*Pastor: and let them say among the nations,*

**Congregation “The LORD is King!”**

*Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*

**Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Hymn of Praise 215 *Rejoice the LORD is King* DARWALL

Prayer of Adoration Cheri Jordan

Hymn of Adoration 49 *As the Deer* AS THE DEER

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest  
clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.*

Hearing the Word of the LORD *1 Corinthians 2:10b-14, 16* Tessie Mosteiro

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

“Who has known the mind of the LORD so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

Choral Worship

*Ye Shall Be Witnesses*

Choir

Jerry Kirk

Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and ye shall be My witnesses unto the ends of the earth.

Jerusalem! Judea! Samaria, and the ends of the earth!

Words based on Acts 1:8

Hymn of Thanksgiving 196

*Alleluia No.1*

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the risen LORD.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give praise to His name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen.**

**We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.**

**Come, let us praise the living God.  
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

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*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth  
everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love  
with Thy children, thus to share.*

Offertory Prayer

Eduardo Mosteiro

Offertory

*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

C. L. Bass

Arr. C. L. Bass

Scripture Reading

*Luke 24:44-49*

David Jordan

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

**One day when heaven was filled with His praises,  
 one day when sin was as black as could be.  
 Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,  
 dwelt among men, my example is He!**

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;  
 buried, He carried my sins far away;  
 Rising, He justified freely forever:  
 One day He's coming – O glorious day!**

**One day they left Him along in the garden,  
 one day He rested, from suffering free;  
 Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil;  
 hope of the hopeless, my Savior is he!**

**One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,  
 one day the stone rolled away from the door;  
 Then he arose, over death he had conquered;  
 now is ascended, my LORD evermore!**

Words by J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

*Open my mind, that I may read more of Thy love in word  
 and deed. What shall I fear while yet thou dost lead?  
 Only for light from Thee I plead.*

Message

*To Have an Opened Mind*  
 Luke 24:44-49

Michael Mills

Hymn of Response 392

Open Our Eyes

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**Open our eyes, LORD, we want to see Jesus,  
 to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, LORD, and help us to listen,  
 open our eyes, LORD, we want to see Jesus. (repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> time)**

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Opportunities for Service

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

C. L. Bass

Deacon of the Week – David Jordan

# The Church Scattered

## **Congregation Conversations**

Today, following our time of worship, we will enjoy a time of lunch and conversation in Faith Hall. Jonathan Smith of BGCT will join us and will be sharing his perspective and counsel. You won't want to miss it.

## **Wednesday Prayer Meeting**

Join us in the back the Worship Center at 5:45pm.

## **Online Giving**

You can easily make an online contribution at any time to Agape Baptist Church through EasyTithe. Simply click on the indicated link on the church's webpage, or access it directly with your smart phone or tablet through the following printed QR code:

