

The Church Gathered

August 7, 2022

11:00 a.m.

*The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him. – John 10:3-4*

Prelude *Jesus Calls Us / I Love to Tell the Story* Nancy Muskrat
Arr. Stan Pethel - Bill Wolaver – Nancy Muskrat

*We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for men in all the earth; the
gospel of a Savior's name: We sing his glory, tell his worth.*

Welcome to Worshippers Michael Mills

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-5

*Pastor: Come! Let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock
of our salvation.*

**Congregation: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with
music and song.**

Pastor For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**Congregation: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks
belong to him.**

Pastor The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Congregation: Come! Let us sing for joy to the LORD. Let us shout aloud to the
Rock of our salvation.**

Hymn of Adoration *We Have Come to Join in Worship* HOLY MANNA

**We have come to join in worship and adore the LORD our God.
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak His mighty Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**See them gather all around you, those He bought at such a cost.
See the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost.
Be His hand, and touch the needy; be His gospel, let it sound!
Be His body, and sweet manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us care for all His people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at His banquet we'll sit down.
Christ Himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.**

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Responsive Reading

from John 10:27-29

Leader: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Congregation: My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Hymn of Testimony

Now I Belong to Jesus

ELLSWORTH

**Jesus, my LORD, will love me forever,
from Him no power of evil can sever,
He gave His life to ransom my soul,
now I belong to Him.**

**Now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me,
not for the years of time alone, but for eternity.**

**Once I was lost in sin's degradation,
Jesus came down to bring me salvation,
Lifted me up from sorrow and shame,
now I belong to Him.**

**Joy floods my soul, for Jesus has saved me,
freed me from sin that long had enslaved me.
His precious blood He gave to redeem,
now I belong to Him.**

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Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Hymn of Service 484

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

ANGEL'S STORY

Offertory Prayer

Wanda Helms

Instrumental Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead

C. L. Bass

Arr. C. L. Bass

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all.

Words from African-American spiritual

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified. He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Reading of God's Word

Acts 16:9-15

Nancy Muskrat

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The LORD opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the LORD," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Hymn of Calling 482

Here I Am, LORD

HERE I AM, LORD

Message

Following the Call
Acts 16:9-15

Michael Mills

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is LORD of all the earth. This gospel message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Hymn of Proclamation 314 *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

ALL THE WORLD

Opportunities for Service

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

C. L. Bass

Deacon of the Week – Wanda Helms

The Church Scattered

Deacon Nominations

To nominate a deacon, forms are available in the Worship Center today. Please prayerfully consider the people you believe would be well suited to serve in this role.

Coordinating Council Meeting

Next Sunday, August 14, the Coordinating Council will meet in the Worship Center following our time of worship.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

As the new school year begins on August 15, we are excited to continue our support and encouragement of Luella Merrett Elementary. If you interested in serving in any capacity, ask Pastor Michael for details.

You can also serve in our church office. Contact Pastor Michael if you are interested.

The fall session of Christian Women's Job Corps is just around the corner and will begin on September 14. We will share more details soon, but you may ask Kayla Harpole for details.

Through our Utility Assistance program, if you would like to send hand-written notes to participants in the neighborhood, contact Pastor Michael.

Online Giving

You can easily make an online contribution at any time to Agape Baptist Church through "Easy Tithe." 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:

