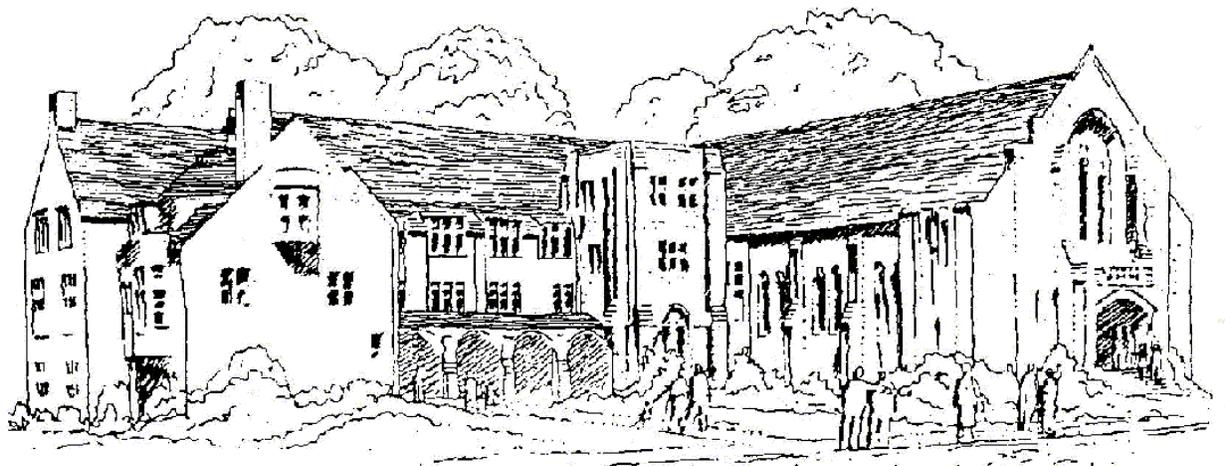


March 22, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Mission: to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy, action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
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Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Therefore, this place of sanctuary is free of violence in all its forms, including verbal violence and firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our intention at University Baptist Church is to use inclusive language in our worship.

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University Baptist Church

March 22, 2026

Lent 5

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Air, from Organ Suite No. 1

Florence Price

Welcome!

¡Bienvenidos a la casa de Dios! Добро пожаловать! Dobro pozhalovat! 欢迎! Huānyíng!
「ようこそ!」 Youkoso! Willkommen! Bienvenu!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Snow and sunlight, snow and sunlight, we come to equinox, days longer, nights shortening.

Many: Healing God, we come seeking balance in a vertigo world.

One: At sunset, new crescent moon hangs in the west, a cup tipping from the heavens.

Many: Wondrous God, we come seeking your cup of deliverance and hope.

One: Beneath the melting snow, roots stir and seeds invisible awaken.

ALL: Merciful God, awaken and unfurl our hearts and minds to your presence, within and around us, that we may grow into life anew.

*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN

In the Bulb There is a Flower

PROMISE

Black hymnal #433

In verse 2, line 2, instead of "There's a dawn for every darkness" please sing "In the equinox there's balance"

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Мир вам! Пасе!
愿和平与你同在 yuàn hé píng yú nǐ tóng zài
「平和がありますように！」 Heiwaga arimasu youni!

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Creator of all life and this Earth that is our home, who is all around us, hallowed be thy name. Thy commonwealth come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the realm, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Creador de toda vida y de esta tierra que es nuestro hogar, que nos rodea, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu mancomunidad. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal, porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

*Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama,
Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños.*

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:16-30

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN
Insert

God of Many Faces

SLANE

God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bid e with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
us the new names that re - flect our true souls,
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Come, Let Us Lift Up Our Voice

John Mundy

O come, let us lift up our voice,
And sing unto our God:
In God, our rock of health, rejoice,
Let us with one accord.
Yea, let us come before God's face,
To give our thanks and praise,
In singing psalms unto this grace,
Let us be glad always.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos e hijas de Dios.
No hay judío ni griego.
No hay esclavo ni libre.
No hay hombre y mujer.
Sino que todos somos uno solo en el espíritu.

**We are all children of God.
There is no Jew or Greek.
There is no slave or free.
There is no male and female.
For we are all one in the Spirit.**
—Galatians 3:26, 28, S. J. Patterson

*CLOSING HYMN

Black Hymnal #495

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue on "Nun Freut Euch"

Elizabeth Stirling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

Although Florence Price (1887-1953) composed over 300 works, including four symphonies, four concertos, many songs and instrumental pieces, and was the first African American woman to have a symphony played by a major orchestra, much of her music was forgotten or ignored after her death... until a trove of her manuscripts was discovered in one of her homes in 2009. There has been a resurgence of interest in her music since then. She was an organist, pianist, and teacher as well as composer, and was highly regarded by her peers in all three realms.

We don't know much about the British organist and composer Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895). She was an organist at prominent London churches from 1839-1880. She wrote over 70 pieces of music, including 50 songs, choral anthems, and a dozen or so pieces for organ, including several works for pedal alone. This postlude is taken from her collection "Six Fugues for Organ On English Psalm Tunes". British organs generally did not have a full pedal division until the mid/late 1800s, however, Stirling apparently was a pioneer in both performing on and writing for instruments with a complete pedal division.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & APRIL

The Outreach mission focus for March and April is organizations supporting childhood hunger and health. Groups who have received funding in the past include: the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Avenues for Youth, Every Meal, and the Northside Achievement Zone. Thank you for any donations you can make to support programs that help our children and youth.

You can drop your gift in the offering with a note on the check or envelope, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org. Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Administrative Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.

Today

Journeys Bible Study – Our meeting is an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. You can pick up a curriculum in the library. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

Today's Forum – The calling of Pastor Doug Donley – Paula Moyer will read her memoir about the “prequel”—how Pastor Doug came from sunny California to shepherd us here in Minnesota. Paula chaired the search committee that called him to UBC in 2001. Curious about the origin story of the longest pastorate in our congregation's history? Come to the forum to find out.

Easter Flowers – If you would like to purchase an Easter lily or other spring flower in honor or memory of someone, or just to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter, please contribute \$15 per plant to UBC. Be sure to include the name(s) of the person(s) being honored or remembered in the Note area for online giving, or use one of the small envelopes in the pews. *Deadline to receive orders is Monday, March 30.*

Please remember to bring a food item to share for our annual Palm Sunday Brunch March 29th!
Sign-up sheets are in the lounge for food contribution and set-up and clean-up help. Contact Margie Garmers at mgarmers01@gmail.com if you can help.

This week

Sacred Harp Singing – Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, and 2nd and 4th Sundays, 4-6pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, March 24, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, March 28 at 10am. Join us for a pancake breakfast followed by an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn. Bring your little bunnies and come hungry.

Spanish Conversation – Saturday, March 28, 10am at HarMar Barnes & Noble. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Contact Deidre at deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions.

Looking ahead

Memoir Writing Group – March 31, April 14 & 28 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include UBC stories to be included in the 175th anniversary booklet and High School memories – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – April 1 (1st Wednesday), 11am at First Congregational Church. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Caregiver Support Group – April 2 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. Contact Chris Follett if you have questions.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, March 29

10am – The service starts out with brunch in the Adele Fadden Assembly Room, lower level. We then process outside with palms and finish our service in the sanctuary. In the afternoon, several of us will be attending the Palm Sunday ecumenical service at the State Capitol beginning at 2:30pm.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6pm – Simple supper and service at First Congregational Church.

Holy Friday, April 3

12–3pm – Interfaith pilgrimage to sites of current crucifixion in Minneapolis. Meet at the Say Their Names exhibit near George Floyd Square and walk or drive to the Renee Good Memorial, the Alex Pretti Memorial, Karmel Mall, and other places of abduction and trauma in our city.

7pm – Holy Friday service at UBC.

Easter Sunday, April 5

8am – Sunrise service at the Stone Arch Bridge with our friends at First Congregational Church

10am – Easter service at UBC, including baptisms.

Saturday morning Bible study – April 4 & 18, 9am (1st & 3rd Saturday) on Zoom, resuming study of Luke. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ehr at dianeehr82@gmail.com.

Card Club – Saturday, April 11, 1pm at Jean Lubke's home. This group meets monthly to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. Due to the limited space and the need to prepare materials, registration is needed for each month's session. If you are interested, please contact Jean at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – April 11 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Roots Cellar Concert: Crys Matthews – Saturday, April 11, 7pm for \$20. “A passionate and powerful blend of infectious Americana melodies and folky instrumentation, Matthews delivers her honest songwriting through a beautifully raw and unfiltered lens. Oozing soul, her voice bleeds with emotion and gratitude, while simple piano melodies and upbeat percussion fill you with appreciation and love for the people around us who fight for change.” — Ear Milk. Tickets and more info here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/crysmatthews>

THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings! UBC is part of the THRIVE grant-supported racial-justice cohort in the Alliance of Baptists. The spring gathering this year will be in Evanston, Illinois—THRIVE April 14–16, and the Alliance April 16–19. Pastor Doug will attend, and others are invited to attend in person or online to be part of this important work. For more information: <https://allianceofbaptists.org/ag26> and <https://allianceofbaptists.org/thrive/> and talk to Pastor Doug or Denise Roy. There are funds available to offset some of the costs, so don't let cost be a barrier.

UBC–FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – April 20 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Ruth Lemire's home. The group is made up of crafters from UBC and First Congregational Church. All are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Reminders

Interested in joining UBC? We would love to learn more about you and help you learn more about UBC. We'll arrange time for a chat about Baptist beliefs, our congregation, and the logistics of joining. Please contact Paula Moyer, our new member facilitator, at paulamoyer52@gmail.com or 651-279-4152.

Represent UBC with T-shirts, calendars and bumper stickers. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code. You can find them on the pew under the side balcony.

Community and ICE Out Resources – If you are looking for ways to support the Minneapolis community during this time of upheaval, there are so many groups out there supplying food, rental assistance, protest support, and more. Here are some you might want to consider:

- Affected community members are struggling to pay rent especially now. Please consider donating to these funds:
 - Phillips: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-phillips-families-in-urgent-need>
 - Longfellow: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Greater-Longfellow-Relief-Fund>
- Stand with Minnesota (standwithminnesota.com) a great hub to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, (everymeal.org) a group we have supported for years, is offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the weekend deliveries.
- CLUES (clues.org) which has many programs that support immigrants.

Volunteer Opportunities

Needed: Nursery Circle-Time volunteers – Megan Dahlberg is looking for volunteers to provide “mini” Sunday school for the youngest kids. This entails leaving the service at the start of Joys and Concerns and providing a circle time for the youngest kids, while Peter and Andrew have their own Sunday school time with Megan. Circle Time for the youngest kids typically would involve a song (to gather the children), a brief story, a song or two related to the story and a prayer. Megan has loads of suggestions for these mini lessons. Contact Megan at Dahlberg.megan4@gmail.com or text 651-491-9698.

Meals on Wheels – UBC participates in Meals on Wheels on Tues-Fri of the first full week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrence46@gmail.com.

Every Meal – Second Friday, 11:15am-1pm at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu