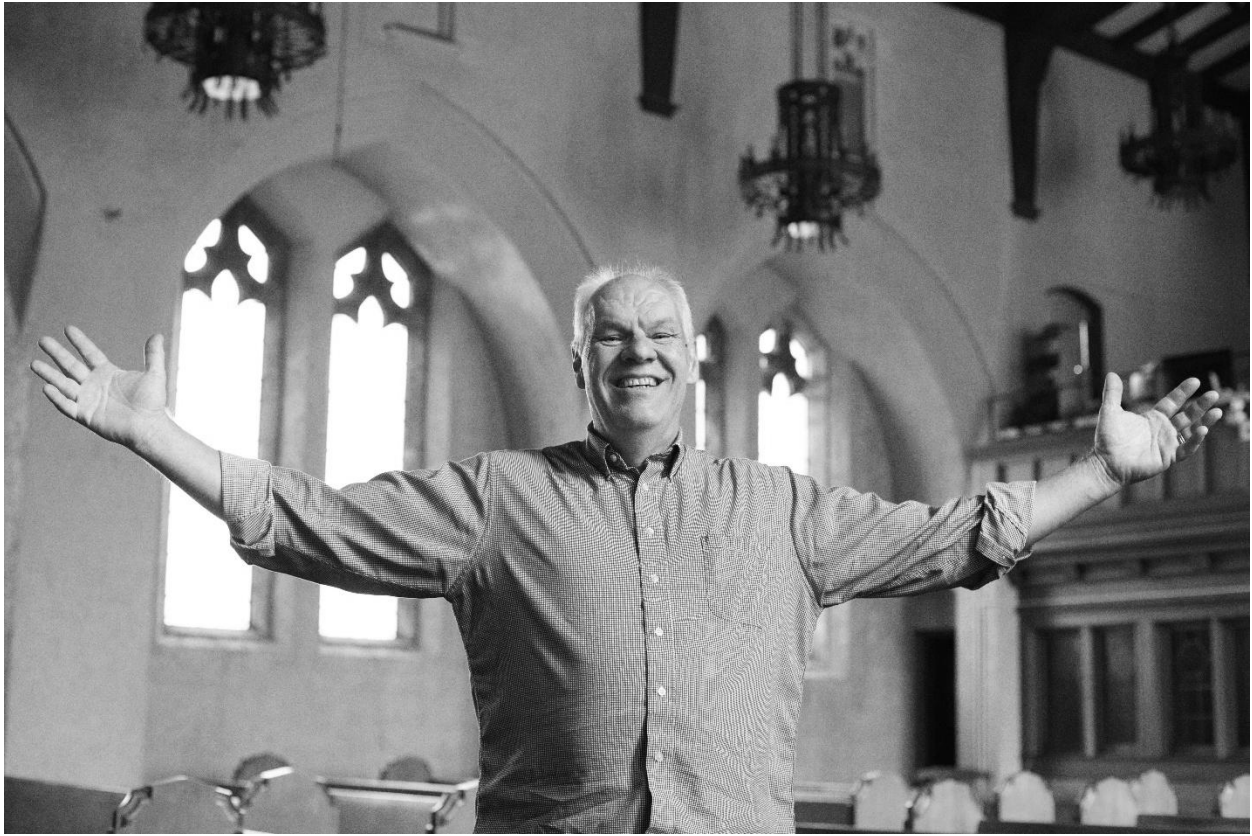


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University Baptist Church

May 31, 2026

Pentecost 2

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Harold Arlen
arr. Kimberly Donley

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: There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

Many: A time to be born and a time to die,

One: A time to plant and a time to uproot,

Many: A time to tear down, and a time to build,

One: A time to weep and a time to laugh,

Many: A time to mourn and a time to dance,

One: A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones together,

Many: A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

One: A time to search and a time to give up,

Many: A time to keep and a time to throw away.

All: God has made everything beautiful for its own time.

*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-6, 11

*OPENING HYMN
Blue Hymnal #119

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL;
Paula Moyer, piano

Blue 119: Love divine

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

1. Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;
 2. Let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find thy prom - ised rest:
 3. Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 4. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

1. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 2. Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 3. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 4. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in hea - ven we take our place,

1. Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 2. End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 3. Pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 4. Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Мир вам!PACE!

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

Rev. Matty Strickler

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.*

*Welcome, children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;
 Jesus now enfolds you, welcome, children, welcome!*

CHILDREN'S TIME

UBC Chorale

Dear lover, dear friend, See how gentle the night
That warms us from the cold.
When we met, I could swear I had known you before
In a lifetime gentler still.

This is our homeland, our haven in the woods –
Familiar shadows, a sky we call our own.
And surely someday, we all will meet again.
In music, we'll never be alone.

If the night falls too fast, I will seek out the sun
And paint it in the sky.
If the monsters return, I will drive them away
To keep you safe with me.
I will love you until the time I leave you.
But even though the distance grows,
We will never be apart.

This is our homeland, our haven in the woods –
Familiar shadows, a sky we call our own.
And surely some day, we all will meet again.
When we're centuries old and our voices are gone,
We will all come home.

READING

Rev. Matty Strickler

SPECIAL MUSIC

Up to the Mountain

Elwyn Fraser and Maura Dunst

I went up to the mountain
Because you asked me to
Up over the clouds
To where the sky was blue
I could see all around me
Everywhere
I could see all around me
Everywhere

Sometimes I feel like
I've never been nothing but tired
And I'll be walking
Till the day I expire
Sometimes I lay down
No more can I do
But then I go on again
Because you ask me to

Some days I look down
Afraid I will fall
And though the sun shines
I see nothing at all
Then I hear your sweet voice, oh
Oh, come and then go, come and then go
Telling me softly
You love me so
The peaceful valley
Just over the mountain

The peaceful valley
Few come to know
I may never get there
Ever in this lifetime
But sooner or later
It's there I will go
Sooner or later
It's there I will go

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 28:23-28

Rev. Doug Donley

SERMON

"A Parting Glass"

Rev. Doug Donley

GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For Good

Carillon Handbell Choir

Stephen Schwartz,
arr. Sandra Eithun

I've heard it said
That people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led
To those who help us most to grow
If we let them
And we help them in return
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
I have been changed for good

It well may be
That we will never meet again
In this lifetime
So let me say before we part
So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you
You'll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have rewritten mine
By being my friend:
Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a skybird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you: I have been changed for
good.

*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

INVITATION TO FINAL BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN

Insert

Peace I Leave With You

Choir and Congregation

Kimberly Donley

[Theme]

#L

Peace I Leave With You

#R

Subtitle

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; Not as the

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; Not as the".

world gives do I give to you Let not your hearts be trou - bled,

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "world gives do I give to you Let not your hearts be trou - bled,".

nei - ther let them be a - fraid, be a - fraid. Peace I

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "nei - ther let them be a - fraid, be a - fraid. Peace I".

leave with you. My peace I give to you. I give you peace.

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "leave with you. My peace I give to you. I give you peace.".

Words and Music: Kim Spitz
Written for the Installation of Rev. Judy Ragsdale, First Baptist
Church of Greater Cleveland, Sept. 1988

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BENEDICTION: *Congregation led*

May God bless us and keep us;
May God's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us;
May the light of God's countenance be lifted up
And give us all peace now and forevermore.
For beloved friends, the service now begins.
Let the people say:
Amen

POSTLUDE

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY & JUNE

The Outreach mission focus for May and June will be for organizations that help marginalized communities in the Twin Cities. In the past, we have supported CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), Indian Food Shelf, Queer Space, and Clare Housing. Thank you for your donations, which will help support the important work being done by these groups.

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

Pastor Doug's Final Sunday Farewell – After the service, please join us on the lawn for cake and visiting. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the lower-level Adele Fadden Assembly Hall.

Let's defend democracy! - Election integrity is under unprecedented attack. Join Monarca and our neighbors to learn about building a broad network to defend our democracy, using every lever we can to ensure we have safe, free, and fair elections where every vote is counted. You will learn more about:

The threats we are facing

The actions we can take, now, up to the election, and beyond

How to organize locally to build democracy defense networks, building on what we already have

Next steps to stay engaged with the work

The trainings are taking place at a number of times and locations, including First Congregational Church on Wednesday, June 3, from 6-8:30p and St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 23, from 6-8:30p. More information and sign up here: <https://monarcamn.org/training>

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!

Monarca Election Defense Training – Organize a Monarca Election Defense Training in your neighborhood, to build a network of Election Defenders in every town, on every block, across Minnesota. Together we can protect our communities, and usher in a world where all of us can thrive, no exceptions. First Church is hosting training on June 3 from 6 pm to 8:30pm. **MUST REGISTER online:** <https://monarcamn.org/training> Click on button in upper right that says: 'Request a Democracy Defense Training'. See Deidre Druk with questions.

Caregiver Support Group – June 4 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Bible Study – June 6 & 20 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9am on Zoom. After June, we will be on hiatus until September. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at dianeehr82@gmail.com

Looking ahead

NOTE: June 6 Work Day rescheduled to July 11

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – June 13 (2nd Saturday), 2pm on Zoom. The book this month is *The Perfumist of Paris* by Alka Joshi. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett.

UBC–FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – June 15 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hendricks'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.

Card Club – Saturday, June 20, 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.

UBC/FCC Spanish Conversation – June 27, 10am-noon (4th Saturday) at the HarMar Barnes and Noble. If you have questions, contact Deidre Druk at deidredruk@aol.com or in the Spanish Conversation WhatsApp.

Reminders

Activities on hiatus until the fall:

Forums
Sunday School
Journeys
Choir
Bells
Memoirs
Every Meal
Bible Study (meet in June, then off until the fall)

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Garden Team – Starting June 4, we will meet on Thursdays, 9am-12. See Betsy Kerr if you have questions.

Interim Pastor Chosen: Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

On behalf of the Search Committee, we are very pleased to announce that our Interim Pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders! As Cody has a full-time position as the associate professor of congregational and community care and leadership at Luther Seminary, he will be working at UBC on a part-time basis, beginning June 1st. We will also be hiring a Student Pastoral Associate, who will work 12 hours per week.

Cody comes with many strong skills and talents to help us move forward and prepare for our next settled pastor. Prior to Luther, he served as pastor to UBC's sibling American Baptist congregation, Old Cambridge Baptist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was also American Baptist Chaplain to Harvard University and Advisor for LGBTQ+ Affairs in the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2024-2025, he served as interim pastor of The Table in Minneapolis during a pastoral transition.

Cody has previously served on the board of UBC's partner organizations, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists and the BPFNA ~ Bautistas por la Paz, and was the founding co-convener of the Racial Justice & Multiculturalism Community in the Alliance of Baptists. He has published a number of books on congregational ministry, LGBTQ+ concerns, and spiritual care. He is originally from South Carolina and now lives in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul with his partner, also named Cody, and their very old dog, Suzie.

The Search Committee will begin its work toward our next settled pastor in June. Please remember that the search processes are confidential. The committee can never talk about candidates; please don't ask!