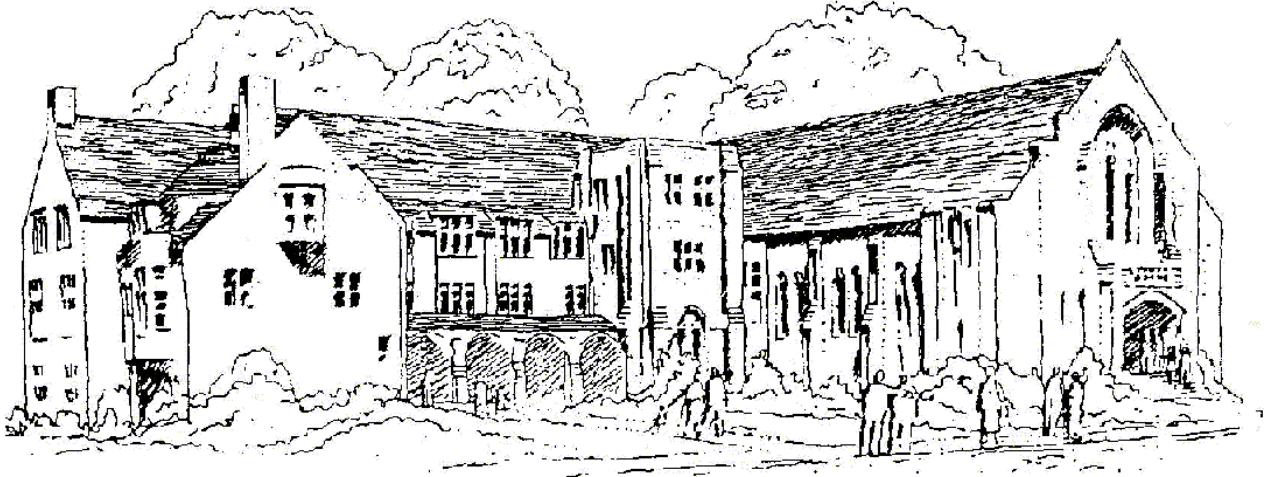


November 26, 2023



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Mission: to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy, action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
the teachings of Christ, and God's continuing revelation**



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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 firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, The Twin Cities Baptist Association, 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

November 26, 2023

Pentecost 27

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Procession of Praise
UBC Bells

Arnold Sherman

Welcome!

CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: From the journey of life, to a hope and a future, our God calls us to a life rooted in faith.

Many: **We join together in worship and praise, to show love and faith for a true and faithful God.**

One: So, let us rejoice dear friends, in the God of our hope and our salvation!

Many: **We rejoice in you, O God. For all that you have done, all that you are, and all that you have promised.**

ALL: Let us worship together now, in praise and with thanksgiving!

(From United Methodist Worship Resources, Thanksgiving, 2020).

OPENING HYMN
Blue Hymnal #9

Now Thank We All Our God

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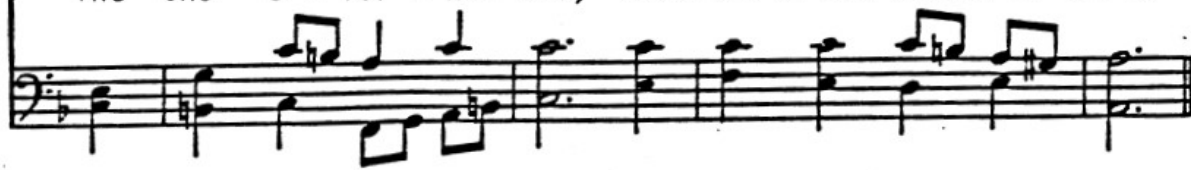
1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hand and voic-es,
 2 O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God Our mak-er now be giv - en,



Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world re-joic- es,
 With ev-er joy - ful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,
 The Son and She who reigns With them in high-est heav- en,



Who, from our par - ents arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 And keep us still in grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heaven a- dore,



With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er more. A-men.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

¡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.

F C Am F G7 C

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in Spanish and English. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics in Spanish and English, and includes chord symbols (F, C, Am, F, G7, C) above the treble staff.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Little Children Welcome
(Verse 1, English; Verse 2, Spanish)
Bienvenidos niños
Jesús les ama
Jesús les abraza
Bienvenidos niños.

Black hymnal #323

DEDICATION of *Valeria Susana Diaz Montiel, born June 21, 2023*

HYMN (*insert*)
Pilgrim Hymnal #217

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

Lord of All Hopefulness

God

Jan Struther, 1901-1953

SLANE 10.11.11.12.

Traditional Irish Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

God

1 ~~Lord~~ of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, Your
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, Your

bliss in our hearts, **God**, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. A - men.

PRESENCE AND GUIDANCE

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. Doug Donley
Anielka Montiel (Spanish)

SERMON

“Extremists: Living in Hope”

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Rigadonn
UBC Bells

Andre Campra,
arr. Kimberly Donley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mediante la fe todos somos hijos y hijas de Dios.
Porque todos los que han sido bautizados en Cristo,
se han revistido de Cristo. No hay judío ni griego;
no hay esclavo ni libre; ya no hay hombre y mujer;
porque todos somos uno en Cristo Jesús.

(adaptado de Gálatas 3:26-28)

**Through faith we are all children of God. For as
many as were baptized into Christ have put on
Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek. There is
neither slave nor free. There is no longer male
and female. For we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

(Galatians 3:26-28, adapted)

CLOSING HYMN

ASF Hymnal #62

Live in to Hope

TRURO

Live Into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. Th'op - pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear— A vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

Jane Parker Huber, 1976
Words © 1980 Jane Parker Huber

TRURO LM
Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thaxted
UBC Bells

Arr. Lee Afdahl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

OFFERING



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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Each month we lift up one of our mission partners. If you want to earmark a donation to this mission, please indicate that on your payment (online or by check). Here's the information for this month's special mission offering:

The Outreach missions for November and December are focused on programs that tackle justice issues in the Twin Cities. In the past, these have included homeless organizations, voting rights groups, refugee services, LGBTQ+ groups, etc. Your donations are appreciated as we try to heal our cities and neighborhoods. As usual, your gifts are much appreciated. Thank you!

If you have suggestions for other organizations, please talk with or email us at info@ubcmn.org. Thank you for your contributions to support these worthy causes. You can drop it 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.

—Kim Donley and Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

The nursery, room 205, is available for children through age 10. Childcare is provided by U students Sam (she/her), Bella (She/her) and Ely (he/they) from 9:15-11:15. Toddlers and children are encouraged to stay in the service through the children's lesson.

We will celebrate the dedication of Valeria Diaz and her parents Anielka and Francisco. They are joined by Francisco's sister Belen and father Cairo who came on Friday.

Coffee time—After church today, please join us for coffee time in the fireplace lounge.

No forum today – join us for extended coffee hour.

Today's Bible study: Psalm 95:1-7a, focusing on Praise, praise changes things. 11:30–12:30 in the Char Follett Library. A few of us who have enjoyed the monthly Saturday morning Bible studies on Zoom have decided to introduce an in-person Bible study on Sunday mornings during the education hour. We'll be using the American Baptist "Journeys" lesson plans for a resource. Journeys is a quarterly publication following the Common Lectionary. According to Judson Press, the main body of the lesson includes three sections: Into the Scripture, Into the Lesson, and Into Discipleship. Into the Scripture provides the socio-historical background of the scripture and relevant theological analysis. Into the Lesson takes the reader deeper into the lesson's narration and commentary, outlining the spiritual and practical take-aways that teach lesson objectives. Into Discipleship deals with the everyday practical ways in which readers can apply the lesson to their lives and live out its teachings as today's disciples of Christ. We have a few copies of the current issue. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@q.com.

This week

Spanish classes (on Zoom) on Mondays. Intermediate at 5pm and Beginners at 6:15pm.

Bible Study – (on Zoom) December 2nd (every 1st and 3rd Saturday) 9–10am. We'll study James 4 and 5. For more info contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@q.com.

UBC Chorale – Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6pm. The choir sings about three times per month. You are welcome to join whether you have sung before or not.

UBC Bells – Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7:30–9pm. Childcare provided 7:15–9:15.

Sound Mind Project's Winter Concert – December 3rd at 2pm at University Lutheran Church of Hope. Doug and Kim Donley sing in this choir that raises money for youth mental health programs, and a portion of proceeds collected during this concert will benefit The Family Partnership. The program will include one of Kim's original compositions.

Looking Ahead

Memoir Writing Group – (on Zoom) every other Tuesday at 7pm (December 5th). All are welcome! Prompts include Snow, Solstice, and Gifts —or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Caregivers Support Group – December 7th (1st Thursdays), 6:30pm. UBCers who have an elderly parent meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at lubk0001@umn.edu.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – (on Zoom) December 9th (2nd Saturdays) at 1pm. We will meet in person this month at Nancy Myers's home. Bring a treat to share. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Roots Cellar concerts: The Beau Baker Band, December 9th at 7pm. Tickets available here: <https://events.humanitix.com/beaubakerband> ; Men of New Hope, January 27 at 7pm.

The Anti-racism group will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm on zoom.

Christmas Poinsettias – Please order your poinsettias by Sunday, December 17. Plants are \$15. Use an envelope in the pew or go to the UBC giving page.

Cookie Making – On Saturday, December 16th, the children will be making Christmas cookies at UBC. Please speak with Carrie Lubke for more details.

The Sanctuary Decorating party will be after church on December 17th. Please bring a food item to share. The children will be providing dessert.

UBC/FCC Knitting Group – December 18th (Every 3rd Monday) at 7pm. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

There will be a Caroling party at the home of Jean Lubke on Friday, December 22 at 7pm.

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday, December 24th at 4:30pm.

Dedication – Elyas Fraser will be dedicated on January 14th.

Card Club – January 27th at 1pm. (No meeting in December.) 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 651-295-7525 or lubk0001@umn.edu.

UBC Congregation to Begin Discernment Process

What are you doing on Feb. 10, March 9, and May 11, 2024? Hopefully, helping define the future of UBC!

Are you wondering what the future will be for UBC in the next three to five years? What should be the focus of our internal and external ministries? How does our anti-racism work fit our future? What are the roles of our 100-year-old building and our endowment in meeting our goals?

The UBC Council has decided it's time to embark on another discernment process. We are contracting with two consultants from Rochester, MN, experienced in congregational discernment, strategic planning, and spiritual direction. Travis Beck is the Director of Worship, Music, and the Arts at Mount Olive Lutheran Church; and Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan serves the church in areas of spiritual formation. Mount Olive is a church struggling with many of the same social justice issues that UBC does.

Our process will focus around three retreat Saturdays – **Feb. 10, March 9, and May 11** – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. University Lutheran Church of Hope has graciously allowed us the use of their Heritage room and their Chapel (and their parking lot!) for our use these three days. A light breakfast, lunch, childcare, and a Zoom link for those unable to join in person will be provided. Please put these three dates on your calendar.

On February 10, we will begin the day with an environmental scan, creating a shared awareness of where we've been as a congregation, where we are now, and what awaits us. In the afternoon, we will create a shared, practical vision of our desired future based on the group's hopes and dreams.

On March 9, we will begin by identifying underlying obstacles and barriers that could prevent our vision from becoming a reality. After lunch, we will identify areas of focus that address the blocks and barriers and move us toward our vision.

On May 11, we will set and prioritize goals for the 2024-2029 planning years, beginning with the first year. We will develop a first-year calendar, and establish accountability for the first-year accomplishments.

UBC is here now for us because generations of UBCers before us took care of the congregation and eventually the building and our endowment. It's now our turn to discern the future of UBC for us, for our children, and for our grandchildren. **And we really need all voices and all perspectives! Please plan to participate.**

If you would like to help our consultants plan the sessions to best fit the needs of UBC, we could use your ideas on the Design Team. The Design Team may have a 30-60 minute webinar with the consultants once a month to gather information, help frame organizing questions, and determine the most effective strategies for moving the discernment process forward. Our next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 4, at 2:00. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Design Team, please contact Jean Lubke.

Volunteer Opportunities

Little Free Pantry

We are in need of donations for our Little Free Pantry. Food items such as: peanut butter crackers, pouches/cans of tuna or chicken, Vienna sausages, etc., microwave mac and cheese, ramen, flip-top cans of fruit. Non-food items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste (travel size preferred), combs/brushes, deodorant, shampoo/soap (travel size), razors. We are also looking for individuals who might be willing to stop by the church at least once a week to stock the pantry. Thank you for your ongoing generosity for this outreach to our neighbors. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs.

Worship and education support

Coffee hosts – contact Betty Shaw or sign up in the lounge

Communion prep – contact Terri Wottrich

Ushers – contact Chris Follett

Worship leaders – contact Deidre Druk

Worship technology support – contact Personnel Committee (Megan Gunnar, Jean Lubke, Gene Velasco)

Sunday school teachers – contact Megan Gunnar

Meals on Wheels

First full Monday–Thursday week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

UBC History Research

At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. There is a lot of sleuthing to do! We are able to schedule appointments and reserve a table on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10-1 and 1-4. If you would like to join a team going over to the History Center some time, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.