

September 13, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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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.

Let us acknowledge the land beneath our building that is home and community and life, that is the sacred homeland of the Dakota people. Together let us acknowledge the displacement that occurred, and let us ask the Spirit of God to guide us as we work to repair the harm it has caused and to create a future of greater justice.

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University Baptist Church

September 13, 2026

Pentecost 16

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling of the Hour

Welcome!

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

PRELUDE

Lied (Song) from 24 Pieces

Louis Vierne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are here today, ready to follow as God calls us. But do we understand the mission?

Many: God calls us to create a path, to spread the good news, and to receive it with joy.

One: How can we do God's work in these times? When adversaries infiltrate our grounds and spy on us?

Many: Don't be afraid. Our calling hasn't changed. We are still to feed the poor and liberate captives.

All: Let us embrace our calling with joy, without fear. Let us bear witness to the good news: that the love of Jesus knows no bounds. All are welcome here.

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

*OPENING HYMN
NC #168

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

DICKINSON COLLEGE

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

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Ruth Duck, 1989

Isa. 60:19-20; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 5/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The music features a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate Word, e - ter - nal
2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too tired to
3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the font where
4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth; our faith and

love re - vealed in time: Come, make your home with - in our
care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our shad - owed
we were born a - new. At - tune your church to know you
hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples to your

hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.
world: your ra - diance bathes with power to heal.
near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.
peace, as stars once led the way to you.

Commissioned by the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ruth Duck's text provides a fitting center for Epiphany celebrations, with its sense of wonder at the incarnation and petition that through Christ's revelation our lives may be changed.

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE L.M.
Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962
Alternate tune: WAREHAM

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam! 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.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

*Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to join in the children's time during the singing of "Santo, santo, santo."
After this time, they can exit to the left for children's Sunday school or return to sit with their adults.*

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-14

Page 34 in your pew Bible

SERMON

"Proclaiming Good News"

Rev. Cody J. Sanders

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN
NC #322

Take Me to the Water

Acts 8:36–39; 10:47–48

African-American spiritual

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 2 None but the righ - teous, none but the righ -
 3 I love Je - sus, I love Je -
 4 Je - sus is my Sav - ior, Je - sus is my Sav -

HOLY BAPTISM

ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 teous, none but the righ - teous . . . shall see God.
 sus, I love Je - sus, . . . yes, I dó.
 ior, Je - sus is my Sav - ior for - ev - er more.

During the antebellum era the enslaved either worshipped secretly in the woods or in small one-room churches built on the plantations. This spiritual reminds us that in either case baptisms were done down at the riverside.

Tune: African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Based on The Message Paraphrase

Our Holy Parent in heaven,
 Reveal who you are.
 Set the world right;
 Do what's best – As above, so below.
 Keep us alive with three square meals.
 Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
 You're in charge! You can do anything you want!
 You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING



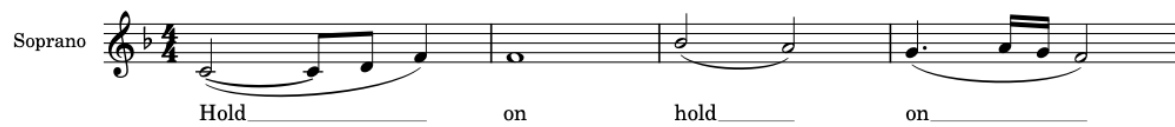
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OFFERTORY

Hold On

Heidi Ann Wilson

Soprano



Hold _____ on hold _____ on _____

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my dear _____ ones here _____ comes the dawn _____

Text: Hold on, hold on, dear ones, here comes the dawn.

The choir will sing the piece through three times, adding a harmony layer each time.

Then the congregation is asked to sing the piece twice along with the choir.

The choir will then conclude, singing the piece twice more.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess our faith by following in the way of Jesus who said:

“The Spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of God’s favor.”

—Luke 4:18-19

*CLOSING HYMN

NC #326

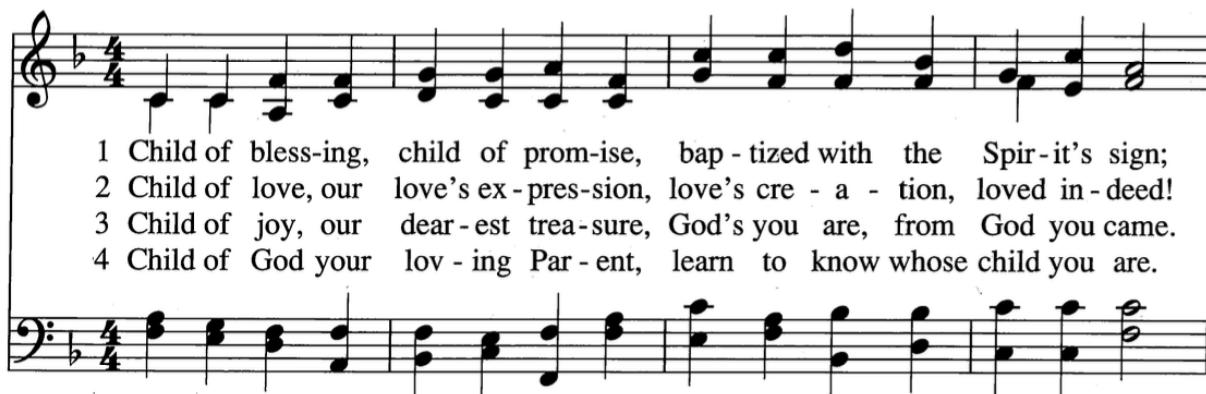
Crashing Waters at Creation

To the tune of 325

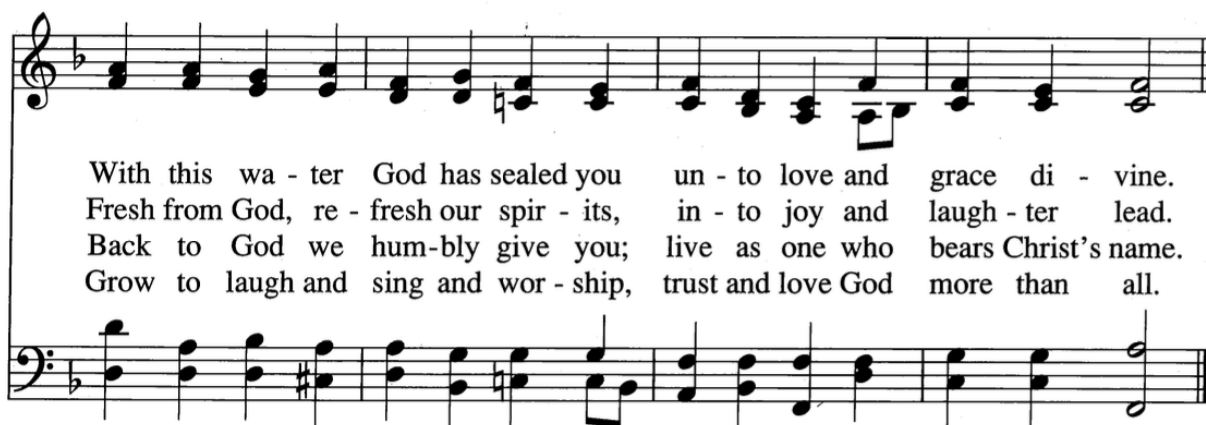
STUTTGART

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981


1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
 Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its, in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660–1716), in
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Crashing Waters at Creation

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*Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991**Gen. 1:1–5; Exod. 14:21–22; Mark 1:9–11; John 4:13–14*

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| <p>1 Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion
 or-dered by the Spir-it's breath,
 First to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning
 from the bright-ness of night's death.</p> | <p>3 Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan
 closed a-round the One fore-told,
 O-pened to re-veal the glo-ry
 ev-er new and ev-er old.</p> |
| <p>2 Part-ing wa-ter stood and trem-bled
 as the cap-tives passed on through,
 Wash-ing off the chains of bond-age—
 chan-nel to a life made new.</p> | <p>4 Liv-ing wa-ter, nev-er end-ing,
 quench the thirst and flood the soul.
 Well-spring, Source of life e-ter-nal,
 drench our dry-ness, make us whole.</p> |

Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan wrote this text to accompany a prayer for blessing the water in the United Church of Canada baptismal rites. She has credited the work of Miriam Therese Winter as her inspiration for some of the imagery in the last stanza.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Major

Henry Smart

*If this is your first time at UBC, know that we value holding one another in prayer.
Please feel free to join in the line to share with the congregation the prayers that are on your heart, or pray alongside us in the pew.
However, as the announcements and communal prayer time can sometimes be lengthy,
please know that you will not cause a disturbance if you need to slip out after the postlude.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements are invited from the congregation. Please line up beside the pulpit.

JOYS AND CONCERNS *(These will not be livestreamed.)*

Please state your prayers briefly to God so that the congregation can pray with you.
As God knows all the particulars of the situation, you do not need to share every detail with the congregation.
Simply state the prayers of your heart, ending with, **“This is my prayer to God.”**
The congregation responds, **“God, hear our prayer.”**

***Please join in a time of coffee and refreshments down the hall to your left after the service!
If you need a ramp, you’ll find one on the right side of the sanctuary beside the pulpit, or
you can exit by the front door and take the elevator, which is accessible outside under the
portico.***

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER

The Outreach mission focus for September and October will support several important ministries in our community and congregation. In tandem with our Give to the Max goals (more to come on this soon!), we will be contributing toward the Solidarity Circle, which supports and accompanies refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants in our community. We will also contribute toward the Discipleship Project (that started on August 27th) along with continuing to assist with travel through the Tai Shigaki Travel Fund. Thank you for any assistance you can provide in supporting these important ministries and helping us extend our care and welcome to others. 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 support of outreach!

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Interim Pastor can be contacted by email at interim@ubcmn.org.

Today

Please join us after worship for our potluck picnic! If it is rainy, the potluck will be in the sanctuary.

This Week.

Memoirs Group starts again September 14, 7pm via Zoom and will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday. Let Jean Lubke know if you are interested.

Our pastoral associate for the interim, Brittany Monson-Moffitt, will be holding coffee shop office hours this month! Join Brittany on **Wednesday, September 16, 9am** at Makwa Coffee in Roseville.

The AWAB Annual Lecture, Friday, September 18, in St. Paul. Dr. William Stell will present “The Power of Queer Religious History”. The lecture begins at 6:30pm and will be followed by a reception. Visit www.awab.org/lecture to learn more and register.

Bible Study resumes Saturday, September 19, 9am via Zoom with the study of the 22nd chapter of Luke. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday going forward. Let Diane Ehr know if you are interested.

This Month

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group), September 21 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Deb Wensman's.

Rummage Sale for Bell Choir Tour

We will have a rummage sale at church to support the UBC Bell Choir 2027 concert tour of Finland and the Baltics. Bring friends and shop! Find great deals on craft supplies, tools, clothing, household items, small furniture, etc.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 9:00-6:00

Friday, Sept. 25, 9:00-6:00

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:00-6:00

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11:00-4:00

Join Brittany Monson-Moffatt for pub office hours on **Friday, September 25, 6pm**, at Urban Growler in Saint Paul.

Spanish Conversation, September 26, 10am. See Deidre Druk for more details.

Next Month

Journeys will begin Sunday, October 4, with a lesson on the OT prophet Ezra. The group will meet in the Char Follett Library during forum time. Let Diane Ehr know if you are interested.

The Alliance of Baptists is hosting two amazing events in October, both in New Orleans – a THRIVE (for Racial Justice) Retreat, October 13-15, and the Alliance of Baptists Fall Pilgrimage, October 15-17. If you would like more information or might like to go to one or both, please contact Denise Roy. We especially want to encourage attendance by folks who haven't had a chance to participate in THRIVE or Alliance gatherings. Help with travel costs will be available.

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 marielafance46@gmail.com.

Garden Team – Thursdays, 9am-12pm (or whenever you can join us). **We could use more help!** No experience needed, guidance is provided. Much of what we do is weeding. See Betsy Kerr or email her at bjkerr@umn.edu if you have questions.

Musical Opportunities

Bell Choir Open to New Ringers

If you've always wanted to play bells (or wear white gloves and be fashionable), we have openings in the bell choir this year. You don't need to have played bells before, but you do need to know how to read music - either treble or bass scores. We rehearse Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 16 from 7:30-9:00. Childcare is provided. If you are interested, please contact Jean Lubke jeanlubke01@gmail.com

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6pm in the lounge. Childcare is provided. If you like to sing with others, please join us.

And more!

Creative Individuals Wanted to Share Their Talents at the Holiday Bazaars!

First Congregational has invited UBC to join its traditional Holiday Bazaar before Christmas where individuals can sell their artisan products (knitting, sewing, cards, canning, artwork, etc.). To accommodate both locations and more artisans, we're expanding to include a Sunday at UBC as well as the Sunday at First Congregational to provide more opportunities for shoppers and crafters!

The Bazaar will be at UBC on Sunday, Nov. 29, 11:00-1:00 (with set-up on Sat. 11/28 from 10-12).

The Bazaar will be at First Congregational on Sunday, Dec. 13 (set up Sat. 12/12, time 11:00-1:00).

If you are interested in participating in either or both dates of the Bazaar, please complete this Google form by Oct. 31, indicating:

- Your participation dates
- Size of table needed (3' to 8')
- Type of craft
- Your contact information
- Any special information (different set-up time, need an electrical outlet, etc.)

<https://forms.gle/kx9sEp8b7WepjsBs6>

If you have questions, please contact Xan Laurence (xanlaurence@comcast.net) or Jean Lubke (jeanlubke01@gmail.com).

There will be a limited number of tables at each location.

Artisans are asked to donate a portion of their proceeds to a charity of their choice (either of the churches or the bell tour qualify as recipients!)