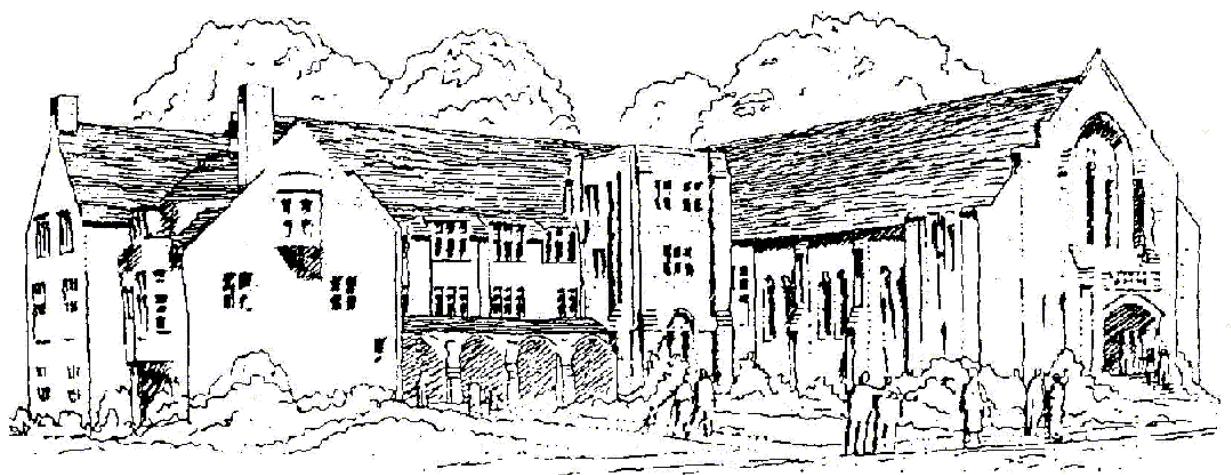


August 16, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rooted in Justice, Working for Peace



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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

August 16, 2026

Pentecost 13

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringing 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

Prelude in G Major

STANFORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes we think a life free of all turmoil would bring us total happiness.

Many: But we know from experience that turning to God for clarity and direction helps us to grow.

One: For example, our burdens and conflicts initially push us to choose a path that is based on self-will.

Many: The result is that we experience pain when we follow only our own desires.

One: The Bible reminds us that Jesus's living example shows us a better way,

Many: Thus inspiring us to think creatively and with love,

All: And helping us to form better problem-solving solutions.

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

*OPENING HYMN
NC 419

Now Thank We All Our God
Sing only the English verses

NUN DANKET

Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank-et al-le Gott, mit Herz-en, Mund und Händ-en,
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak-er now be giv-en,

der gro-sse Ding-e tut an uns und al-len End-en;
 Who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es,
 With ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 To Christ, and Spir-it, too, our help in high-est heav-en,

der uns von Mut-ter-leib und Kind-es-bein-en an
 Who, from our par-ents' arms, has 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,

un-zäh-lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge-tan.
 With count-less 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.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
 Johann Crüger, 1647
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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.

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

Matthew 15:21-28

Page NT 17 in your pew Bible

SERMON

"Great Faith"

Rev. Cody J. Sanders

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN
#553

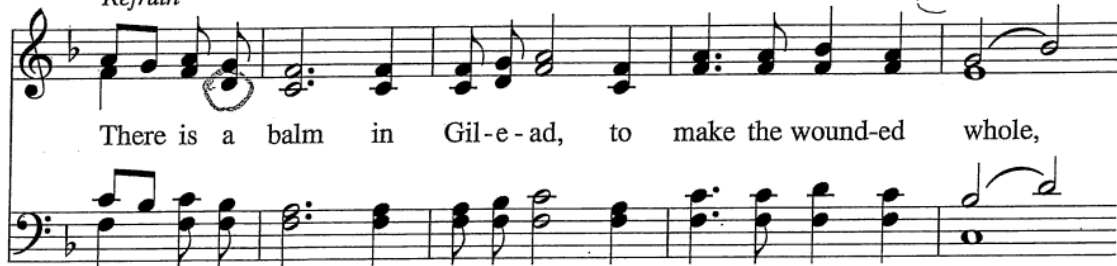
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BALM IN GILEAD

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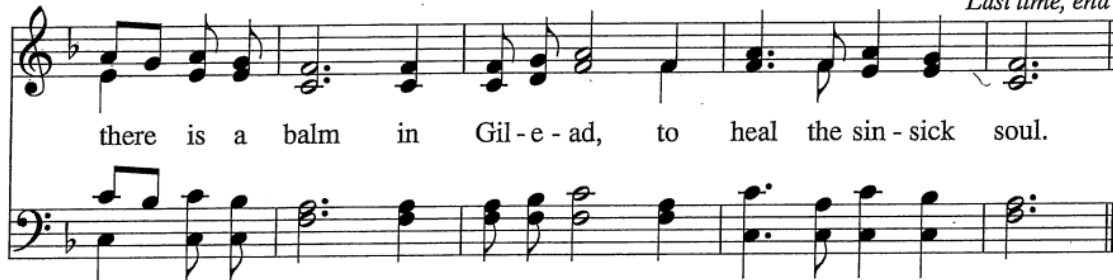
*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual; alt.*

Refrain

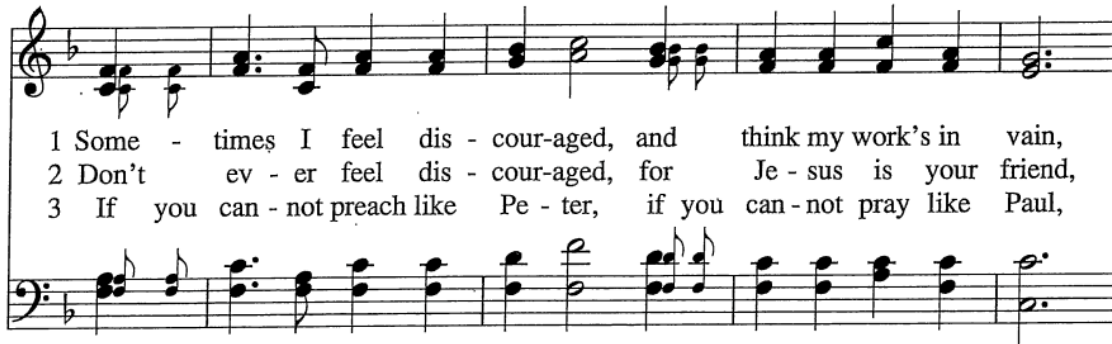


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

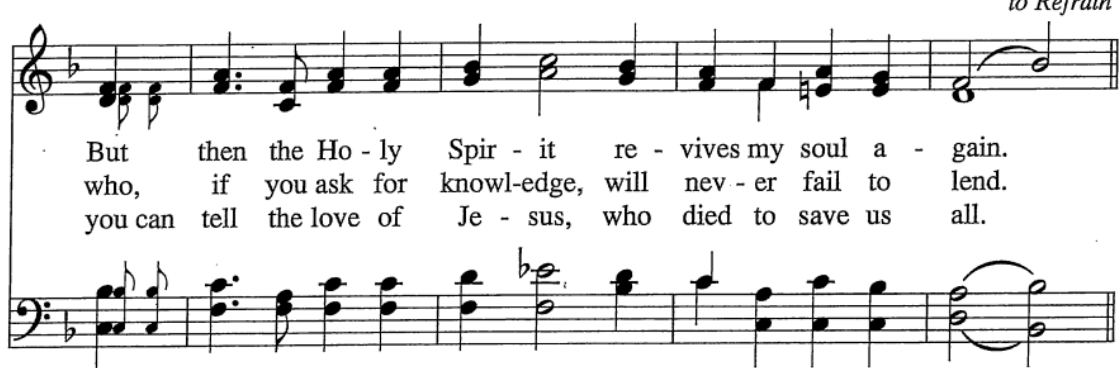


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

Dear Lord, a common experience has me wondering what I should do: When I speak of Jesus in a conversation with people I know, and talk of His miracles in my life, sometimes my audience ignores me. Should I continue to speak up about this? And if I continue to tell of Jesus and His love for us all, but my audience comes back with taunts and insults? What then?

Sometimes in life, we know in our hearts that You want us to speak up. God, please give us the faith and courage to continue talking about Jesus and His active love. Help us to speak with hearts of faith, telling what the Holy Spirit leads us to say. For this is the will of God, who never leaves our side, but is always with us in difficult times.

(Matthew 15:21-28)

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.

GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING



We welcome your financial support of the mission and ministry of University Baptist Church. You can give conveniently on our webpage www.ubcmn.org or, if you want to avoid processing fees, you can mail a check to University Baptist Church - 1219 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. You can also set up a direct payment from your bank (it's free). Or you can put your offering (marked in an envelope or on your check) in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. See below for mission offerings.

OFFERTORY

Prelude on "Cassell"

Lovlace

*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

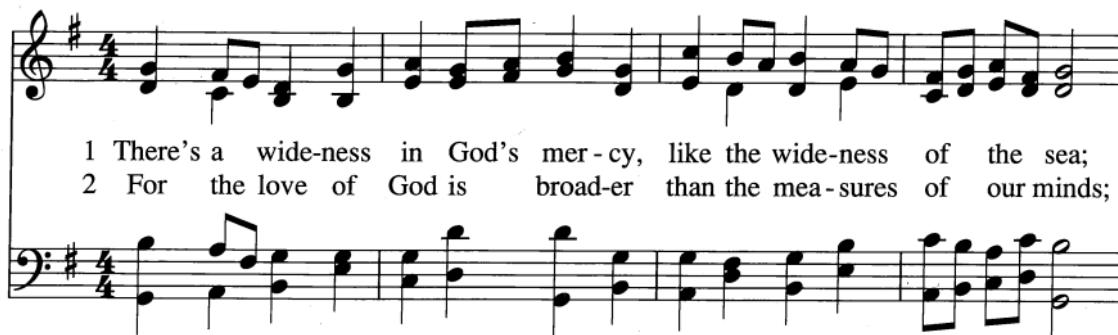
*CLOSING HYMN #23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

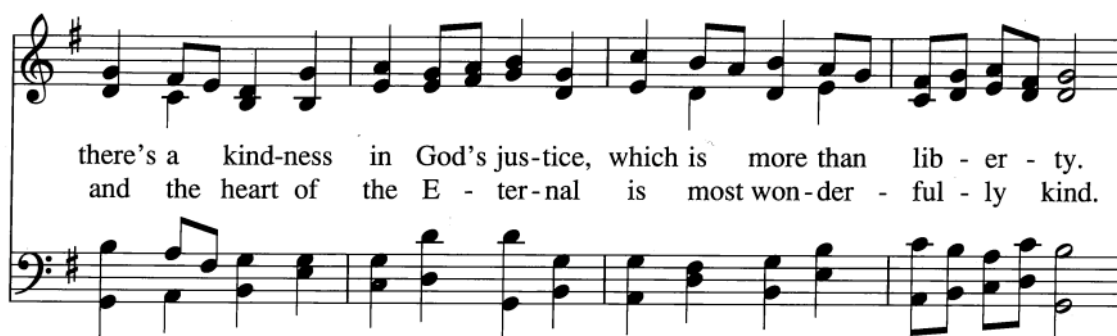
IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

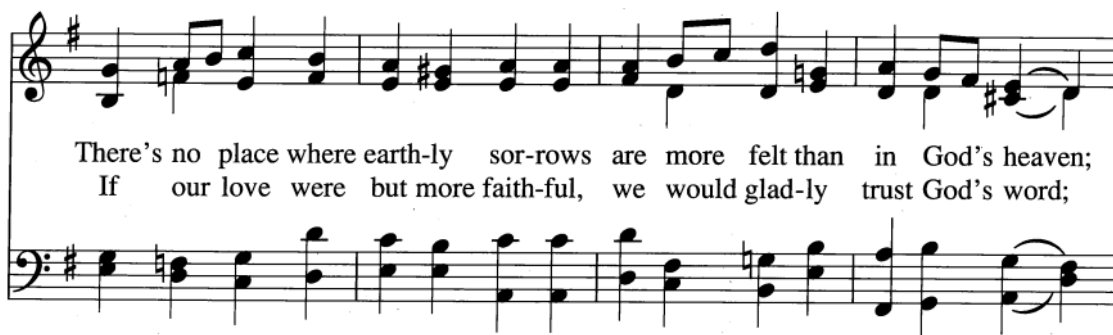
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



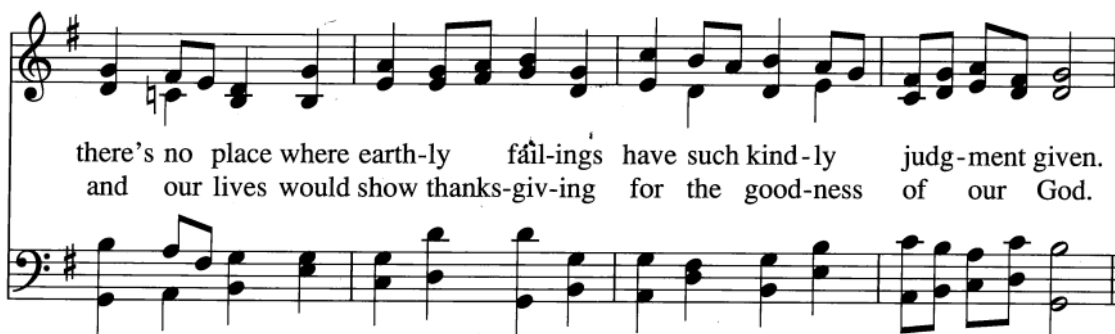
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G Major

Greene

*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.***

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

Maurice Greene lived about the same time as Bach and was well known as an organist, composer, and teacher. The postlude today is from a collection of voluntaries that was published some twenty years after his death. This particular piece shares many characteristics of the voluntaries in that collection: full textures, some chromatic passages, and the piece is highly contrapuntal (indeed, toward the end of the piece, a secondary theme is developed as a fugue along with the first theme). —David

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST

The Outreach special missions focus for August will be community partners in Southeast Minneapolis. These might include Native American organizations, Every Meal, and Southeast Seniors as well as other organizations. 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!

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 for refreshments in the lounge down the hall after the service.

This week

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group, Monday August 17, 7pm at Jean Lubke's home (2215 Ferris Ln, Roseville, MN 55113).

Cody's Pub Office Hours, Thursday, August 20, 6-7:30pm at Venn Brewing (with gluten-reduced beer options), 3550 E 46th St, Suite 140, Minneapolis.

Card Club, Saturday, August 22, 1-4:30pm at Jean Lubke's.

This Month

Orientation Potluck for the Bell Tour Travelers, Sunday, August 23, 5:30pm, at Jean Lubke's.

Organize & Resist: Justice for Palestine. The Alliance of Baptists' Justice in Palestine Initiative (JPI) will present the next webinar in the Organize & Resist series on **Tuesday, August 25, 6:30-8pm**. Destruction and killing in Gaza and the West Bank continue unabated while the U.S. is at war with Iran as well as with immigrants within our borders. This online event is designed to empower participants to respond faithfully to Palestinian calls to the international church. How can our churches connect ethnic cleansing in Gaza and the West Bank to other issues in the United States? Two pastors with long histories of working with socially active and committed congregations will lead the discussion:

- **Rev. Dr. Leah Davis**, Ravensworth Baptist Church, northern Virginia/D.C. area, brings years of experience helping members of her congregation think about new ways to live out our callings to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
- **Rev. William Young IV** pastors Covenant Baptist Church, D.C., a congregation whose members affirm their African heritage as they live out their commitment to a ministry of liberation and transformation in the world. He is a board member of Churches for Middle East Peace and Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

Public Discipleship Series Starts August 27. UBC is joining with First Congregational Church and three other SE neighborhood churches to embark on a "Public Discipleship Path," preparing ourselves to take bold, prophetic public action in our communities to build relationships and to protect and maintain a just democracy for all.

There are three sessions followed by the public actions we decide to take together as a group and as individual congregations. There will be a final gathering to debrief and talk about what comes next. The three sessions are in person on Thursday evenings—August 27, September 3, and September 10—at University Lutheran Church of Hope (601 13th Ave SE). Childcare and dinner will be provided. Dinner will be available starting at 5:30pm and the session will be 6-8pm. We will also be offering virtual recaps via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. RSVP is requested. If you have questions, please contact Deidre Druk.

Next Month

Bell Choir Rummage Sale Coming! Save the date and save your unneeded stuff! The Bell Choir will be having a Rummage Sale at UBC on September 24-27. Bring friends and find some great deals! Also, contribute your unwanted/unneeded stuff to the sale. Please bring items to UBC by early September.

Welcome Back Potluck Picnic at UBC, Sunday, September 13. Mark your calendars! More details to come.

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 mariclafrance46@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.