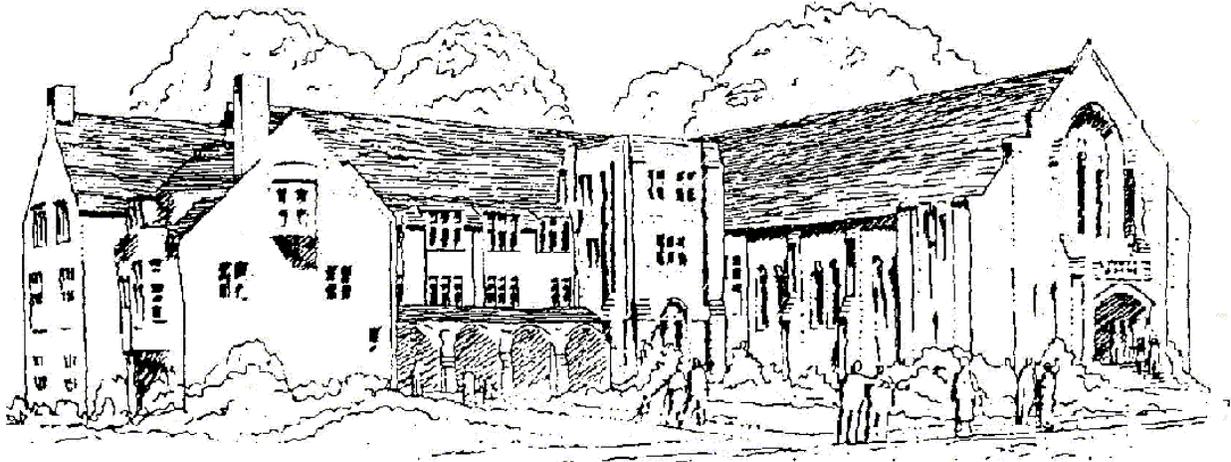


February 22, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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University Baptist Church

February 22, 2026

Lent 1

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prayer, an Offertory

George Walker

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with our Holy God.

Many: **Who comes among us when we least expect it, who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts.**

One: Who richly blesses us and calls us each by name.

Many: **Let's worship God together!**

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

*OPENING HYMN
ASF Hymnal #17

O God of Vision

LOBE DEN HERREN

O God of Vision

17

1 O God of vi - sion far great - er than all hu - man
 2 Pour out your Spir - it on all now as - sem - bled be -
 3 Grant to us in - sight, O God, for this time of de -
 4 Break the sun's rays in - to col - or, a rain - bow a -
 5 Grate - ful, we come now by Christ's in - vi - ta - tion clear -

1 schem - ing, Gath - er us now in your pres - ence, re -
 2 fore you. May our di - ver - si - ty here be a
 3 ci - sion. May we dream chal - leng - ing dreams of both
 4 round us. Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e -
 5 spo - ken. We seek the nour - ish - ment found in fruit

1 fresh - ing, re - deem - ing. Show us a - new Life in your
 2 means to a - dore you. Wom - en and men, Young, old, and
 3 depth and pre - ci - sion. Speak through the dark. Dis - pel by
 4 nough to con - found us. Arched in the sky, Beau - ty and
 5 crushed and bread bro - ken. Christ for us all! Come, let us

1 breath - tak - ing view, Love - ly be - yond all our dream ing.
 2 youth - ful a - gain, Make us as one, we im - plore you.
 3 light - ning's bright spark What - ev - er clouds dim our vi - sion.
 4 prom - ise are high, Giv - ing us hope to as - found us.
 5 an - swer the call, Of - fering our lives as the to - ken.

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

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LOBE DEN HERREN 14 14 478

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

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

F C Am F G7 C

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

Genesis 32:22-31

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

Black Hymnal #320

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERD'S PIPES

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

320

Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1993

1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y:
 3 From A - bra-ham to Naz - a - reth the prom-ise changed and grew,
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur - vived, for lead-ers, long a - go,

some no-mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.
 a hid - den, un - com - plet - ed Name—"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
 while some, re - mem-ber - ing the past, re - cord-ed what they knew,
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,

The dawn - ing hope of hu - man-kind by them was sensed and shown:
 And by their tents, a - round their fires, in sto - ry, song, and law,
 and some, in let - ters and la - ments, in proph - e - cy and praise,
 Give thanks and find its sto - ry yet our prom-ise, strength, and call:

a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
 they praised, re - mem-bered, hand-ed on, a past that prom-ised more.
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang-ing days.
 the work - ing - mod - el of our faith, a - live with hope for all.

Brian Wren has commented: "The hymn tries to tell the story of the Bible in a manner acceptable to different beliefs about its inspiration." Wren credits James Barr's The Bible in the Modern World for the idea of the Bible as a "working-model" of our faith.

Tune: SHEPHERDS' PIPES C.M.D.
 Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 1

Thomas Tallis

The soul is blest that hath not lent
To wicked voice thine ear,
Nor led thy life as sinners do,
Nor sat in scorner's chair:

But in the law Jehovah God
Doth set thine whole delight,
And in the same doth exercise
Thine self both day and night.

Thee shall be like a tree that is
Planted by rivers nigh,
Which in due season bringeth forth
Its fruit abundantly:

Whose leaf shall never fade nor fail,
But flourishing shall stand:
E'en so all things shall prosper well
That this soul takes in hand.

*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 #316

We Limit Not the Truth of God

OLD 22ND

We Limit Not the Truth of God

316

George Rawson, 1853; alt.

1 We lim - it not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
 2 Who dares to bind to one's own sense the or - a - cles of heaven,
 3 E - ter - nal God, In - car - nate Word, Spir - it of flame and dove:

to no - tions of our day and place, crude, par - tial, and con - fined;
 for all the na - tions, tongues, and climes and all the a - ges given?
 en - large, ex - pand all liv - ing souls to com - pre - hend your love;

No, let a new and bet - ter hope with - in our hearts be stirred:
 That u - ni - verse, how much un - known! that o - cean un - ex - plored!
 And help us all to seek your will with wis - er powers con - ferred:

O God, grant yet more light and truth to break forth from your Word.

George Rawson based this text on the parting words of Pastor John Robinson to the Pilgrim founders in 1620.

Tune: OLD 22nd C.M.D.
 Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1556

Alternate tunes: FOREST GREEN; ELLACOMBE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Passacaglia

David Hurd

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

BRIEF CHURCH MEETING *to elect the Pastoral Search Team*

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

A few people remarked that the postlude last week was a little spicy. Well, this Passacaglia by Hurd adds a few serrano peppers to the mix. Hurd often uses classical forms in his organ music; last week we had a partita (a set of variations on a tune), and the one I played was a fugue, a form that goes back several hundred years. The same could be said for the passacaglia (pronounced pass-ah-KAHL-ya): it's a set of variations over a repeating bass line. However, in his variations, Hurd often uses the canon—a melody that starts in one voice and then is repeated in another voice; a tune played against itself.

This concludes our survey of music by Black composers; next month will feature music by women composers, and will include some award-winning pieces from the American Guild of Organists 2025 composition competitions. - David

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A new, second set of colors in the sanctuary this month are made with Tanzanian kanga cloths. The fabric for the eight flags, pulpit, and altar cloths was a gift to Jean Lubke from Elizabeth Moriera, director of Project Minnesota Leon, whose sister served as a Lutheran missionary in Tanzania. Kanga cloths contain a Swahili proverb. This set's phrase is "Pokea zawadi Mama upate kunienzi," meaning "Receive this gift, Mother, so you can honor me." The altar cloth also contains fabric from the first set of flags introduced this past summer.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Our outreach mission focus for January and February is for ministries within the ABCUSA that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget. This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your help in supporting these important national ministries.

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 – Mission Possible: Design Thinking for Social Change (2-hour forum, lunch provided). As part of the Rooted Good: Good Futures building-use discernment process, we are using an extended forum time (11:45–1:45) to play a game to introduce concepts of design thinking. We'll take a seemingly impossible mission to tackle and use this game to create a possible solution to address the problem. The Rooted Good team will take the creativity from this session to further their ideas of social enterprise for UBC. Lunch will be provided from the Palmer grant.

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:

- Stand with Minnesota (standwithminnesota.com) a great hub for ways to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, (everymeal.org) is a group we have supported for years, is now offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the extra weekend food deliveries.
- CLUES (clues.org) which has many programs that support immigrants.

Represent UBC with T-shirts, calendars and bumper stickers. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

Roots Cellar Concert: RJ Cowdery, Katie Dahl, and Hope Dunbar – Sunday, February 22, 7pm for \$20. RJ Cowdery (Ohio), Katie Dahl (Wisconsin), and Hope Dunbar (New Jersey) may be from three different states, but they all share a knack for razor-sharp lyrics, wicked humor, compelling vocals, and unflinching truth-telling. All alumni of the prestigious Kerrville New Folk competition, Cowdery, Dahl, and Dunbar each tour the country individually, but are teaming up for this powerhouse triple bill. Don't miss this chance to see three of the country's most respected songwriters, swapping songs with one another in an in-the-round format. Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/cowderydahldunbar>

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!

Organize and Resist – Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30pm. This event, organized by the Alliance of Baptists, seeks to give voice to the current struggles around the occupation of Minneapolis and the resistance movements across the country. Our own Doug Donley will be one of the speakers. The event will be on Zoom.

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Organize-and-Resist--Join-us-February-24-on-Zoom.html?soid=1115897313463&aid=-1_cr8W_Jic

Spanish Conversation – Saturday, February 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 3 & 17 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Firsts, and Who is your ideal reader (as opposed to your inner critic)? – or whatever you feel called to

write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

UBC–FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – March 4 (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 – March 5 (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.

Saturday morning Bible study – March 7, 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.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – March 14 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Roots Cellar Concert: Root River Jam – Saturday, March 14 at 7pm for \$20. Root River Jam combines elements of Americana, country, rock and blues genres. Performing music with the spark of creativity and individuality from each musician, they produce songs and sounds that draw you in to their eclectic style! Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/rootriverjam>

Next up: Crys Matthews – Saturday, April 11 at 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>

UBC–FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – March 16 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Kris Felbeck'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.

Card Club – Saturday, March 21, 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 Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, March 24, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings! UBC is part of the THRIVE grant 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.

Reminders

We want your stories! – Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Do you remember your first Sunday? What is/was different about worship here? Do you have a baptism story to share? Have you been part of the choir or the bell choir? What keeps you coming back? These are just some prompts to get you thinking. The 175th Anniversary Committee/Chris Follett will compile your stories into a booklet. Please submit by March 1. Send it to us at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.

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.

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 – Friday, February 27, 11:15am-1pm (usually the 2nd Friday) at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu