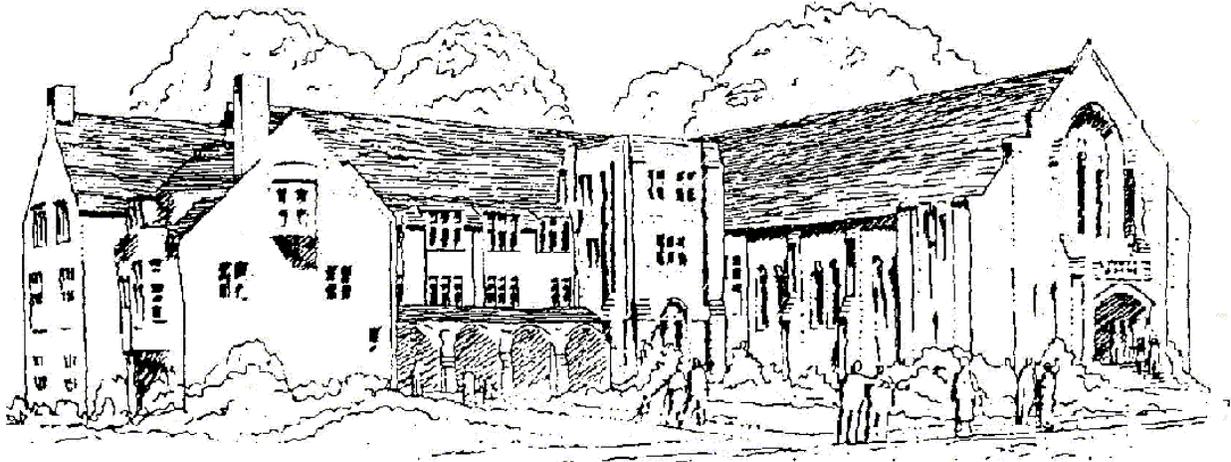


*March 1, 2026*



## 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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Ivan Beda, Livestream Technician  
David Lesniaski, Music Director  
Terri Wottrich & Joel Delikowski, Ushers

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.

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# University Baptist Church

March 1, 2026

Lent 2

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Talk About a Child Who Do Love Jesus*

Evelyn R. Larter

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: Some are lost.

**Many: Brown skin brother against brown skin brother.**

One: One saying, "I'm a US citizen. I haven't done anything wrong!"

**Many: The other with a heart steeled by a bonus pretends not to hear.**

One: "It's okay. I'm not mad at you!"

**Many: ICE kills Renee Good, shooting her through the car window three times.**

One: Some are lost.

**Many: It's okay to change your mind!**

One: Some are lost; not yet found.

**Many: ICE gets Alex Pretti on the ground, grabs his gun and shoots him ten times.**

One: Show us your courage.

**Many: Minnesota people for the Nobel Peace Prize!!**

One: Show us your courage.

**Many: You can join us, join us here, anytime!**

One: Anytime, God will welcome you back with extravagant and unconditional love!

**All: Let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God that will not let us go.**

~includes words from song by Voices of the Singing Resistance

(\*Stand as you are willing and able)

\*OPENING HYMN  
Black Hymnal #23

*There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

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.

## 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

Luke 15:11-24

Rev. Doug Donley

### \*HYMN

Black Hymnal #485

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

### SERMON

“Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Rev. Doug Donley

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### OFFERING



We welcome your financial support of University Baptist Church. You can give conveniently on our webpage [www.ubcmn.org](http://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 in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. See below for mission offerings.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### *O Render Thanks to God Above*

Thomas Clark;  
ed. Edmund Gooch

O render thanks to God above,  
The fountain of eternal love;  
Whose mercy firm through ages past  
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

Who can God's mighty deeds express,  
Not only vast, but numberless!  
What mortal eloquence can raise  
Such tribute of immortal praise?

Happy are they, and only they,  
Who from thy judgments never stray;  
Who know what's right, nor only so,  
But always practise what they know.

### \*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

## COMMEMORATING COMMUNION

### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to partake in this symbolic meal. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All juice is non-alcoholic, and the crackers are gluten-free. If you are not able to come forward, but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand and communion will be served to you where you sit.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### *Domine Jesu*

Jeanne Demessieux

### \*CLOSING HYMN

Black Hymnal #443

#### *How Like a Gentle Spirit*

SURSUM CORDA

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### *O God, Your Goodness [Ps. 36]*

Lili Wieruszowski

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

## NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

The prelude was a winning composition in the American Guild of Organists 2025 Woman Composer Sunday Organ Composition Competition. The AGO has begun holding annual composition contests for women composers; I'll be playing another piece from the 2025 competition later this month.

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968) was a French organist and composer. She was the first female organist to sign a recording contract. She gave over 700 concerts internationally in the 1950s, always playing from memory; indeed, she had a repertoire of over 2500 pieces. She wrote several dozen pieces, of which about a third were for organ, with the remainder for piano, voice, choir, and orchestra. Alas, only about half of her music is published and available, but many of her recordings still are in print. t

Lili Wieruszowski (1899-1971) was born in Cologne, Germany, studied at the conservatory there, and later in Berlin, and was engaged as an organist in Germany and later in Basel, Switzerland. The chorale prelude heard today is taken from her first collection of chorale preludes, about which she wrote "These Chorale Preludes are meant above all to serve the congregation. The author selected for these settings mainly tunes for which there were no existing organ pieces in the literature, or only pieces in which the original Rhythm was not maintained... The congregation should be able to join in singing after the Chorale Prelude, no differently than as if the organ had just played the first verse."

## SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & APRIL

The Outreach mission focus for March and April is for organizations supporting childhood hunger and health. Groups who have received funding in the past include: the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Avenues for Youth, Every Meal and the Northside Achievement Zone. Thank you for any donations you can make to support programs that help our children and youth.

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](http://www.UBCmn.org). Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at [ubcmn.org/newsletter](http://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 —A sabbatical in Portugal -** Come hear John Medeiros speak about his most recent adventures in Portugal, where he spent seven weeks on sabbatical. He will have photos and stories to share.

**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](http://standwithminnesota.com)) a great hub for ways to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, ([everymeal.org](http://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](http://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.

**Women's History Month: Eliza Winston in Minnesota** – In 1860 in old St. Anthony and young Minneapolis, Eliza Winston became the first and only enslaved person to gain their freedom in a Minnesota courtroom. Women's History Month (March) is a great opportunity to visit an [exhibit about Winston](#) now at the Hennepin History Museum (near the Minneapolis Institute of Arts). You can also read about [Winston in the Minnesota History magazine](#) and in [Pastor Jane McBride's sermon of last summer](#) at First Congregational Church, which played a small role in Winston's story. If you're interested in seeing the exhibit as a group, or doing some research on our founders and early members (our founder Charles Stearnes was a known abolitionist), please contact Gayla Marty, [gaylamarty@gmail.com](mailto:gaylamarty@gmail.com).

### 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!

**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](mailto: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 [dianehr82@gmail.com](mailto:dianehr82@gmail.com).

### Looking ahead

**Women's History Month, International Women's Day, ReImagining, and UBC's Rev. Nadean Bishop.** Join us for coffee and the forum on March 8 to mark International Women's Day and Pastor Nadean Bishop's birthday! With guest Pam Joern, a member of Judson Baptist and one-time seminary intern at UBC, we will remember the pathbreaking 1993 World Council of Churches Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women—called ReImagining for short—in Minneapolis. We will also reflecting Pastor Nadean's pioneering role and leadership through the 1990s.

**Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group** – March 14 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *I Heard Her Call My Name: A memoir of transition* by Lucy Sante . If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com)

**Roots Cellar Concert: Root River Jam** – Saturday, March 14, 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, 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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Shameless...again? 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Henry Schmidgall Memorial Steven T Schmidgall Birthday Albert E Brumley Shameless Gospel Singing!** - Saturday, March 21, 2026, noon to 3pm at University Baptist Church. Free and open to public, loaner books available. Questions? Steve Schmidgall, 612-419-8142 [stevenschmidgall@gmail.com](mailto:stevenschmidgall@gmail.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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com) or 651-295-7525.

**UBC Anti-Racism Work** – Tuesday, March 24, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

**Spanish Conversation** – Saturday, March 28, 10am at HarMar Barnes & Noble. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Contact Deidre at [deidredruk@aol.com](mailto:deidredruk@aol.com) if you have questions.

**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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [marielafance46@gmail.com](mailto:marielafance46@gmail.com).

**Every Meal** – Friday, March 13, 11:15am-1pm (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](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu)