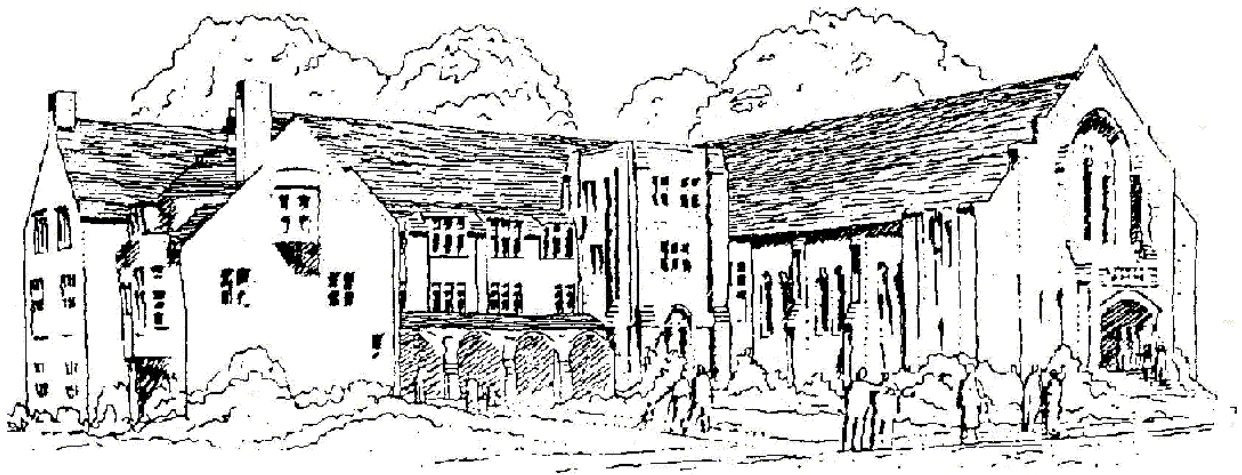


August 30, 2026



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 30, 2026

Pentecost 15

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 on "Bristol"

Healey Willan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come into God's house, not only to receive but to give.

Many: We are a community of confident, caring people.

One: We welcome each other during this unpredictable time, in this unpredictable world.

Many: We face each day rooted in justice, standing in solidarity, guided by the mission and message of Jesus.

One: We invite you to join us in this good news.

All: God, guide us and protect our beloved church community.

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

*OPENING HYMN
ASF #67

Christ's Parters All Are We

MADRID

Christ's Partners All Are We

67

1 Christ's part-ners all are we, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Sing! stew-ards of God's grace, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Friends, join - ing hand in hand, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 4 God's peo - ple cel - e - brate, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

In mis - sion joy - ful - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Love con - quers time and space. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Reach out from land to land. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 For our Lord God is great. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

We dare not stand a - lone, Of - fering for bread a stone,
 Glad - ly re - ceive and give Strength that we all may live;
 Our cir - cle comes full round. Sing we with live - ly sound.
 Now serve and teach and heal, God's jus - tice to make real.

Safe - guard - ing but our own. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Wrongs, each to each, for - give. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Feet, danc - ing, tap the ground. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 All praise with joy - ful zeal. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Jane Parker Huber, 1980

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MADRID 66 66 D

Spanish folk tune

Harm. by David Evans (1874-1948)

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

Matthew 16:21-28

Page NT 18 in your pew Bible

SERMON

"Taking Up the Cross"

Rev. Cody J. Sanders

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN
NC #503

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

MARYTON

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Washington Gladden, 1879; alt.

1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
 win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

Washington Gladden was a Congregational minister, distinguished preacher and lecturer, and author of over thirty works. Gladden wrote extensively on civic and social affairs of his day. This hymn was penned in 1879 and published in his periodical, The Sunday Afternoon.

Tune: MARYTON L.M.
 H. Percy Smith, 1874

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Retranslation from the Aramaic

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. Amen.
May our future actions grow from here!

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

Praise God, All Christians

Buxtehude

*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."

*CLOSING HYMN

ASF #72

Christ Has Called Us to New

Visions

IN BABILONE

Verses 1-3 only

72

Christ Has Called Us to New Visions

1 Christ has called us to new vi - sions Here to cel - e -
2 As we lis - ten to each oth - er, As we speak in
3 All cre - a - tion strug - gles, yearn - ing For a time of
4 Christ still calls us, young and ag - ing, Men and wom - en,

brate and praise, Here con - fess our old di - vi - sions,
joy and pain, We be - come as sis - ter, bro - ther,
true sha - lom. Are we try - ing, Are we learn - ing
bound and free, Col - ors, tal - ents, thoughts en - gag - ing,

Here our peace pe - ti - tions raise. Come re - pen - tant, come for -
Rec - on - ciled, at one a - gain. On - ly thus in work and
Now to make the earth our home? For the hun - gry and de -
Joined in one com - mu - ni - ty. Christ re - mold - ing, heal - ing,



giv - ing, Come in joy and hope and prayer. Christ, once cru - ci -
feel - ing For our neigh - bor far or near Can we wor - ship
spair - ing, For the poor of all the earth, Make us part - ners,
lead - ing, Sins for - giv - en! Life re - stored! Let us live, God's



fied, now liv - ing, Bids us faith and love to share.
God re - veal - ing Gifts of grace a - mong us here.
bur - dens shar - ing, Bring - ing all a sense of worth.
jus - tice heed - ing, Strength - ened by our ris - en Lord.



Jane Parker Huber, 1981

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IN BABILONE 87 87 D
Traditional Dutch melody
Arr. by Julius Röntgen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Double Voluntary

John Blow

*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:

We're now moving back a century from our previous voluntaries; Blow was active in the late 1600s as a organist and composer. He was for a time organist at Westminster Abbey, succeeded by Henry Purcell, and was composer to the Chapel Royal. He wrote over 100 anthems and a variety of other pieces, from keyboard music to music for stage to sacred services and solo songs. This voluntary shares characteristics of many of the earliest organ voluntaries: it is in essence a suite, in that it has several different musical ideas, each developed independently, in contrast to voluntaries I've played over the past several weeks (which had a slow introduction followed by a faster fugue). Interestingly, this practice (of creating a "mini-suite") is exactly the same procedure that composers of the time used in other (secular) keyboard music and in music for the viol consort. Hence the voluntary, in its early stages, wasn't entirely an independent, newly-created form, but shared characteristics of other instrumental music of the time. This piece is called a "double voluntary" because it alternates between the upper and lower keyboard—usually (but not always) the lower keyboard introduces or extends the thematic idea while the upper is more accompanimental. The harmonies also are a bit unusual—there are a lot of "blue" notes especially toward the beginning, and the piece is more "on" the key of G than in it. Blow makes up for this harmonic vacillation by the end of the piece when the last several measures outline only two chords, pretty firmly anchoring the home key. -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 Daytime Handcraft Group, September 2 (1st Wednesday), 11 a.m. 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, September 3 (1st Thursday), 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. UBCers who care for a parent, family member, or friend meet for support. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Next Month

Every Meal, September 11, (2nd Friday), 11am.-1pm 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.

Welcome Back Potluck Picnic, Sunday, September 13. Mark your calendars! Bring a dish to share. If you can help with set up or clean up, please contact Margie Garmers at mgarmers01@gmail.com.

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 awab.org/lecture to learn more and register.

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

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

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 available.

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. Clean out your closets, basement, and garage; bring your donations to UBC **by Sunday Sept. 6**. Let your friends know, if they are clearing our spaces, too!

Then come, 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

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!

Our first rehearsal is Wed. Sept. 9, 6:00 in the lounge. 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 let 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!)