

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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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

May 18, 2025 Easter 5 10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: What does it mean to welcome the foreigner? To say, "all are welcome here"?

Many: We quit thinking we're always right. We start seeing the gifts and strengths in people.

We stop correcting.

One: But are we not supposed to proclaim the Gospel? What becomes of that?

Many: Maybe we have misunderstood what the Gospel is all along.

One: Perhaps "all are welcome" is, in fact, the Gospel. And we only share it by living it.

All: Holy God, help us to understand the Great Commandment: to love our neighbor as our-

selves. Help us to see that no one You have created is unclean. Help us to keep our tent

large. Help us to be fit vessels of Your love. AMEN.

(*Stand as you are willing and able)

*OPENING HYMN

In Every Place Where God is Praised

KINGSFOLD

Insert

In Every Place Where God is Praised



Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam! 愿和平与你同在 yuàn hé píng yú nǐ tóng zài



PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama, Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños. Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18 Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN Spirit of the Living God **IVERSON** Black Hymnal #283

Spirit of the Living God

283



Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5. Daniel Iverson, 1926

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God, Hear Our Prayer

William Byrd

God, heare my prayer instantly, which I before thee make, and let my crye come unto thee, do not the same forsake.

Turne not away thy face from me when troubles me opresse, each day inclyne thine eare to me and succour my distresse.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos, y 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 #591 This is My Song

FINLANDIA

Lloyd Stone, 1934 Ps. 82:8 O God of all the na - tions, a song of 1 This is song, my blu-er than the and sun-light 2 My coun-try's skies o - cean, are This is home, the lands a - far and mine. my for peace But oth - er lands have clo - ver - leaf pine; and beams on here are my hopes, my coun - try where my heart is; and skies are ev ery sun - light, too, and clo - ver, But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are dreams, my ho - ly shrine; God of all the O hear my song, O where as blue as mine. true and high as mine. beat - ing with hopes and dreams as their land and for mine. peace song of for na - tions,

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10. Jean Sibelius, 1899 Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933 POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY & JUNE

Each month we lift up one of our mission partners. If you want to earmark a donation to this mission, please indicate that on your payment (online or by check). Here's the information for this month's special mission offering:

Marginalized Communities

The Outreach mission focus for May and June will be for organizations that help marginalized communities in the Twin Cities. In the past, we have supported CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), Indian Food Shelf, Queer Space, and Clare Housing. Thank you for your donations, which will help support the important work being done for these groups.

You can drop it 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 and Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at <u>ubcmn.org/newsletter</u> for Zoom links and more info UBC's Admin Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.

Today

The nursery, Room 205, is available for children through age 10. Childcare is provided by U students Ely (they/them) and Sami (she/her) from 9:15 to 12:45.

Forum – Thank-you coffee hour from Interfaith Action. Interfaith Action will host coffee hour as a thank-you to our congregation for our support of Faithful Hospitality, a shelter program for asylum-seeking families. UBC provided shelter last December. Annessa Ihde from Faithful Hospitality will provide a brief update on the future of the program.

Journeys, a Bible Study for adults – 11:30am in the Char Follett library following worship. Journeys will meet Sunday mornings in May, will be on break for the summer, and will resume in September. Journeys is an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. The lessons themselves are written by clergy and members of American Baptist Churches across the country, providing a wide range of expertise and perspectives about Scripture and its meaning for contemporary Christians. They bring new voices to the faith conversation. Journeys is an informal group. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

May 18 CLEAN: Acts 11:1-18

May 25 CONQUEROR: Revelation 21:10, 22-27; 22:1-5

Worship Planning Team – We will meet today shortly after the forum is over to finalize plans for May and June. We will be holding a Worship Planning Retreat on Wednesday, June 25 from 4-8pm at UBC.

How to Welcome a Seeing Eye Dog – One of our worshippers, Kevin Branting, attends services with Chester, his Seeing Eye dog. Our UBC community has done such a great job with our "etiquette" for Chester. We remember that the dog is at work. Therefore, we ignore him. We avoid petting, talking to, or otherwise interacting with the dog. This includes eye contact. For more information, visit: https://seeingeye.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/etiquette-5-tips-for-when-2.pdf Hats off to all of you for getting Chester's UBC experience off to an excellent start.

This week

Sacred Harp Singing – Every 2nd and 4th Sundays, 4-6pm, and Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30pm at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary! *Please Note: A number of participants will be traveling over the holiday weekend, so we have opted to cancel the fourth Sunday singing for May.* We plan to be back to our regular schedule in June; singing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. These take place at University Baptist Church on from 4-6pm.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – May 19 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Deb Wensman's home. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Garden Team – We will be working on Wednesday mornings starting at 9am. We usually stay for two or three hours, with time for rest and fellowship. Come whenever you can. Questions: contact Betsy Kerr at 612-877-2018 or bjkerr@umn.edu.

Spanish Conversation Group – May 24 (4th Saturday), 10am-12pm at Curioso Coffee Shop, 1712 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Druk.

Card Club – Saturday, May 24, 1pm. 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 Lubke at 651-295-7525 or jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Please join Nico Lang, a long-time LGBTQ+ journalist as he discusses his new book – Saturday, May 24 at 1pm at the Pride Cultural Arts Center (1201 Harmon Place). His book, American Teenager, documents the lives of trans kids in seven different states highlighting how "powerfully human" they are.

Newsletter Deadline – May 25

Looking Ahead

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, May 27, 7pm. We will continue discussing antidotes to White supremacy culture from the Tema Okun essay. Everyone is welcome to join this monthly gathering. Contact Denise Roy if you would like to come or to get more information.

Loaves & Fishes – Friday, May 30 at Peace House Community, 1816 Portland Avenue South in Minneapolis. Parking is available on the street or in a small lot off the alley to the west side of the building. Enter the building from either the Portland Avenue side or the west side. We expect to have about 300 guests come to pick up meals. We'll be preparing the food from 2-5pm, making to-go boxes from 4:30 to 6:15pm, and cleaning up until about 7pm. We'd like to have about four people volunteer for preparation, about six for making the to-go boxes, and a couple for clean-up. There won't be any dining at Peace House for now, all carry-out. Let Steve Lee know if you'd like to help out by emailing steven.lee@thrivent.com or calling him at 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.

Meals on Wheels – June 3-6 (Tuesday–Friday the first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 am, and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at <a href="mailto:mailt

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – June 4 (1st Wednesday), 11am. 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 – June 5 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Celebration of the Life of Roger Johnson – Saturday, June 7th at 11:30am followed by a light lunch at LIBC

Annual Meeting and Potluck – Sunday, June 8, after morning worship. Bring sandwiches or a dish to share. Memoir Writing Group – June 10 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Memories of UBC, Graduation, and Summer Activities, or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions. Please note: There will be no meeting on Tuesday, May 27.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – June 14 (2nd Saturday), 1pm via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering – June 14 (2nd Saturday), 2pm, at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULCH and FCC. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry, and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/

Bible Study – Taking a summer hiatus. If you have any questions, contact Diane at dianeehr82@gmail.com.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

UBC history research – At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. There is a lot of sleuthing to do! We are able to schedule appointments and reserve a table on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10-1 and 1-4. If you would like to join a group going over to the History Center sometime, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.

Twin Cities Pride Festival – Saturday & Sunday, June 28-29, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (6 p.m. on Sunday) in Loring Park, Minneapolis. UBC will again have a booth at the Pride Festival, this time sharing with First Congregational Church. If you can help staff the booth for a couple hours, please contact Betsy Kerr at 763-529-7862 (landline) or bjkerr@umn.edu. For more info about the festival, go to https://tcpride.org/pride-festival/Save the Dates!

Project Minnesota Leon Summer Picnic – Saturday, June 28, Noon-2pm at Silverwood Park Island Picnic Shelter (2500 County Rd E., Saint Anthony, MN 5542). Theme: Courage in the Face of Uncertainty. Food by Qdoba. We look forward to seeing you! Please join us!

UBC Founding Day – Sunday, July 13 will kick off our 175th anniversary observance and celebration year. First Congregational Church (founded a year later in 1851) will be at UBC for a joint worship service that day, and an ice cream social on the lawn is in the planning stages. The anniversary planning committee is meeting regularly and seeking volunteers to be part of activities including the July 13 event, a block party in the fall, history research and writing, and more. Contact chair Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417 if you'd like to volunteer or get more information.

Joint services with First Congregational Church

July 6 @UBC July 13 @UBC July 20 @FCC July 27 @FCC