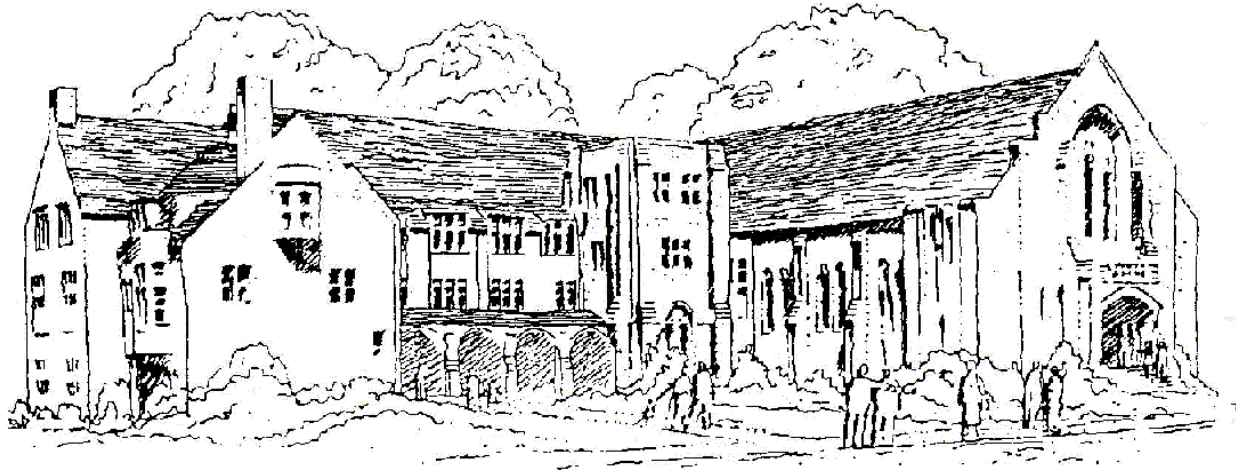


*April 21, 2024*



## **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 firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, The Twin Cities Baptist Association, 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

April 21, 2024

*Easter 4*

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Processional*  
UBC Bells

Arnold Sherman

***Welcome!***

### CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: God, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister? Seven times?

**Many: Seven... try seventy times seven.**

One: So, seventy times seventy... that's Four hundred-

**Many: You're not hearing me. My forgiveness knows no limits.**

One: But mine does. Don't you realize what they did to me!

**Many: Don't you realize how much I love them? How much I love you?**

One: So, you'll forgive the murderers?

**Many: Like Moses?**

One: And the drunks?

**Many: Like Noah?**

One: What about those who turned against you and denied your name?

**Many: Like Judas and Peter?**

One: God of Mercy and Grace Help Us All

**ALL: Realize just how Beloved, Forgiven, and called to forgive we all are.**

*-United Methodist Pastor, Nathan Decker,  
worshipswake.wordpress.com*

OPENING HYMN  
Black Hymnal #581

***Lead Us from Death to Life***

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

# Lead Us from Death to Life

2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar  
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

Refrain C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

to Stanzas

Dm7 G Em7 Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your  
 2 So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives, long-ing for  
 3 Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let  
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,  
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C to Refrain

mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.  
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.  
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER  
 12.11.9.10. with refrain  
 Marty Haugen, 1985

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

F C Am F G7 C

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line, with chord symbols (F, C, Am, F, G7, C) written above the vocal line. The lyrics are in Spanish and English.

## PRAYING TOGETHER

### MORNING PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu 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

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

*Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama-,  
Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños.*

*Welcome, children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;  
Jesus now enfolds you, welcome, children, welcome!*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

## ATTENDING TO THE WORD

### READINGS

Forgiveness: An Exploration.  
Stories from the Forgiveness Project

Louisa Hext &  
Marina Cantacuzino

### HYMN

Black Hymnal #188

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

DOUROUX



# Give Me a Clean Heart

Ps. 51:1-12

Margaret J. Douroux, 1970; alt.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

Margaret J. Douroux, the daughter of a Baptist minister, is known especially for this gospel song, which was recorded by singer James Cleveland. Among her other popular songs found in church hymnals is "God Is Not Dead."

Tune: DOUROUX 10.12.10.10.  
Margaret J. Douroux, 1970  
Arr. Albert Denis Tessier, 1987

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## OFFERING



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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***Prayer for the Innocents***

Michael Helman

UBC Bells

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mediante la fe todos somos hijos y hijas de Dios.  
Porque todos los que han sido bautizados en Cristo,  
se han revistido de Cristo. No hay judío ni griego;  
no hay esclavo ni libre; ya no hay hombre y mujer;  
porque todos somos uno en Cristo Jesús.

(adaptado de Gálatas 3:26-28)

**Through faith we are all children of God. For as many as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek. There is neither slave nor free. There is no longer male and female. For we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

(Galatians 3:26-28, adapted)

## CLOSING HYMN

Black Hymnal #553

***There is a Balm in Gilead***

BALM IN

GILEAD



## There Is a Balm in Gilead

*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.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Laudation*  
UBC Bells

Arnold Sherman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

### **SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH AND APRIL**

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:

#### **Childhood Health & Hunger Programs**

The Outreach mission focus for March and April will be for organizations combatting childhood hunger and supporting children's 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 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](http://www.UBCmn.org). Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley and Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See our newsletter at [ubcmn.org/newsletter](http://ubcmn.org/newsletter) for zoom links and more info

#### **Today**

**The nursery, Room 205, is available for children through age 10.** Childcare is provided by U students Sam (she/her), Bella (she/her) and Ely (he/they) from 9:15 to 12:30. Toddlers and children are encouraged to stay in the service through the children's lesson.

**Refreshments** will be served in the lounge immediately following the worship service.

**“Journeys” Bible study**, 11:30am in the Char Follett Library. Each session offers a new reading and focus, and no special preparation or skill is required. Please feel free to attend once, occasionally, or more often. If you would like a book or have questions, see Nancy Myers or contact Diane Ehr at [DianeEhr@q.com](mailto:DianeEhr@q.com).

**Today's forum, 11:30 — Forgiveness, an Exploration.** The Forgiveness Project cofounder Marina Cantacuzino will talk about her book, *Forgiveness: An Exploration*, published in the UK in 2022 and now released in the United States. Copies will be available for purchase.

**“The F Word: Stories of Forgiveness” exhibition**—April 14–22, on display at UBC. This exhibition of images and stories on 3x6 foot banners was created by the Forgiveness Project, an organization that uses personal stories to explore how concepts of reconciliation, conflict resolution, and dialogue can be used to break cycles of violence and restore hope. Hours open to the public will be 11 to 2 on Tuesday and Thursday and next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Bell Choir Concert today at 3pm at UBC.** Come hear the combined bell choirs of UBC and Grove United Methodist Church, both directed by our own Jean Lubke. The concert will also be livestreamed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwxs-E46hk>

**The UBC Talent Team wants to hear from you!** — The Talent Team has begun their work to fill the UBC Ministry Nominating Slate for 2024-25. We would like to know what you would like to do! How do you feel that you can contribute to our wonderful church community? And above all...what is your passion? You can either fill out and return the Time & Talent sheet that comes in the pledge packet, or contact Margie Garmers, Sue Wester, or Marcy Schultz directly. We look forward to hearing from each of you!

[Download the Pledge Packet here.](#)

### **This week**

On Wednesday, the **UBC Chorale** rehearses at 6pm and the **UBC Carillon** at 7:30pm.

**Earth Day with MN SEED Project!** — April 22, 4:30-6pm. Join the MN SEED Project as they share seeds and show how to plant in containers for this time of year. Save your recyclable milk jugs, rotisserie chicken containers, or salad mix boxes and bring them to create mini-greenhouses you can plant natives into. There will be a limited amount for those that do not bring their own.

**Sacred Harp Singing**—Come every 2nd & 4th Sunday, 4-6pm, and every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

**Bell Concert**— The bell choirs of University Baptist Church and Grove United Methodist Church (Woodbury) will perform April 28 at 3pm. at Grove UMC (7465 Steepleview Road., Woodbury, 55125)

### **Looking ahead**

**Sound Mind Project Concert** – Sunday, May 5 at 2pm. Come see a choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community. Kim and Doug Donley sing in this choir. There is a \$25 suggested donation and a portion of proceeds collected will benefit Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health. The concert will be at St. Michael's Lutheran Church (1660 County Rd B, Roseville MN)

**Memoir Writing Group**—May 7 (every other Tuesday) at 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Eclipse and Grief — or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

**Every Meal**— May 10 (2nd Fridays), 11 am–1 pm at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks in their lockers during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu).

**Card Club**—May 18, 10am. 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 [lubk0001@umn.edu](mailto:lubk0001@umn.edu).

**Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group**—May 18 (3rd Saturdays.), 1pm via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com). NOTE: For February through May only, due to scheduling conflicts with the discernment retreats, we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

**UBC–FCC Knitting Group**—May 20 (3rd Mondays), 7pm at First Congregational Church. 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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

## UBC Discernment Process Update

On March 9, 19 UBCers met in person and 9 UBCers joined via Zoom to further the work of our discernment process. We brainstormed, discussed, listened, challenged, word smithed, wrestled, and listened some more. Our direction is beginning to come into focus.

We've reached consensus on our practical vision. These are not a succinct vision statement as we may be accustomed to, but rather areas that answer the question, "What do we want to see in place in 2 to 5 years as a result of OUR actions?" (NOTE: These are not listed in any sequence or priority order.)

- An imaginative, sustainable building plan
- Relationally inclusive ministry, partnerships, and leadership
- Realistic growth strategies
- Efficient and accessible organizational operations (including staff and volunteers)
- A thriving, diverse, and collaborative music program
- A clear definition and claiming of our identity and our voice
- Active participation and support of social progress and justice
- A sense of belonging through intergenerational support and growth

Then we dug deep and answered the really difficult question: "What is blocking US from moving toward our vision?"

- (Our) perfectionism blocks (the) development of strategic action plans and realistic expectations.
- Not prioritizing professional marketing and communication has inhibited our sustainability and mission.
- The fear of losing US is causing a lack of consensus about the building and stopping the congregation from seeking long-term solutions.
- (The) imbalance between our human resources and (our) congregational actions is interfering with the accomplishment of our internal operations and outreach missions.

Whew! Our next steps will occur on May 11. We will begin by identifying our Key Directions – what are the actions WE can do to remove our blocks to achieving our vision? Get your creative, out-of-the-box juices flowing – let's dream! Then we'll analyze the opportunities and craft a Year One priorities action plan. Get ready to act! To register for our May 11 discernment retreat, please use this link to complete your registration. (NOTE: The previous registration only included the February and March retreats.)

<https://forms.gle/qGQMfKzGMX5aNshaA>

Look for the new Discernment bulletin-board display outside the office and lounge!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Volunteers needed for the exhibit “The F-Word: Stories of Forgiveness”

The Forgiveness Project display will be up in the UBC Sanctuary from Sunday, April 14, to Friday, April 26, and possibly through the last weekend of April. We are in need of volunteers who will provide oversight for the viewing of this display:

-Tuesday, April 23, 11am to 2pm

-On call for special viewing appointments

Please contact Kim Donley, [kim.donley4@gmail.com](mailto:kim.donley4@gmail.com) or 763-242-5990 if you are able to fill one or more of these spots.

### George Floyd Square cleanup and giving

On Saturday, May 4, there will be a community cleanup day starting at 9am. A sign-up is available for shifts. We are looking for about 80–100 volunteers to serve throughout the day. Feel free to spread the word!

<https://bit.ly/GFSvolunteerMay24> Additionally, you may donate to support memorial caretaking here:

<https://bit.ly/GFSMemorialCaretakers>

### Little Free Pantry

We are looking for individuals to stock the pantry, as well as your donations of money and/or items such as: Toiletries (toothbrushes, deodorant, sample sized shampoo/body wash/hand sanitizer, razors, feminine hygiene products). Boxed mixes that only require water to prepare. Bars/cracker packs, Ramen/instant soup in a cup, mac & cheese. Rice/pasta/quinoa, and tuna packets. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs.

### Worship and education support

Coffee-time hosts—sign up in the lounge or contact Betty Shaw

Communion preparers—contact Terri Wottrich

Ushers—contact Chris Follett

Worship leaders—contact Deidre Druk

Worship technology support—contact Personnel Committee: Megan Gunnar, Jean Lubke, Gene Velasco

Sunday school teachers—contact Megan Gunnar

### Meals on Wheels

May 6-9. First full Monday-through-Thursday week of each month. Meals are picked up around 11:15am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at [mariclafrance46@gmail.com](mailto:mariclafrance46@gmail.com).

### Every Meal

UBC participates in Every Meal, a program that distributes bagged food for families of children at Marcy Open School who receive free and reduced cost meals. UBC is scheduled on May 10, 11 a.m. to about 1 pm.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Roy at [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu)

### 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](mailto:gaylamarty@gmail.com) or 612-845-8417.