

September 7, 2025



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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University Baptist Church

September 7, 2025

Pentecost 14

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Consolation

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome!

¡Bienvenidos 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

Leader: The doors of God's house are open wide.

Congregation: And we are invited to enter, just as we are.

Leader: Come, all who are weary, who seek rest and comfort.

Congregation: We come to worship the God who loves us unconditionally.

Leader: Come, all who feel like strangers or outcasts.

Congregation: In this place, all are neighbors, for God's love embraces everyone.

Leader: God has set an open door before us that no one can shut.

Congregation: We walk through it with thanksgiving and praise.

Leader: Let us welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God.

All: We are God's people, united by a loving and radically inclusive grace.

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

*OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome

Insert

All Are Welcome



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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
「平和がありますように！」 Heiwaga arimasu youni!

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 6/8 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music includes the lyrics: '¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi' and 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My'. The second system of music includes the lyrics: 'cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.' and 'heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.' The chords F, C, Am, F, G7, and C are indicated above the second system of music.

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 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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

Blue Hymnal #211

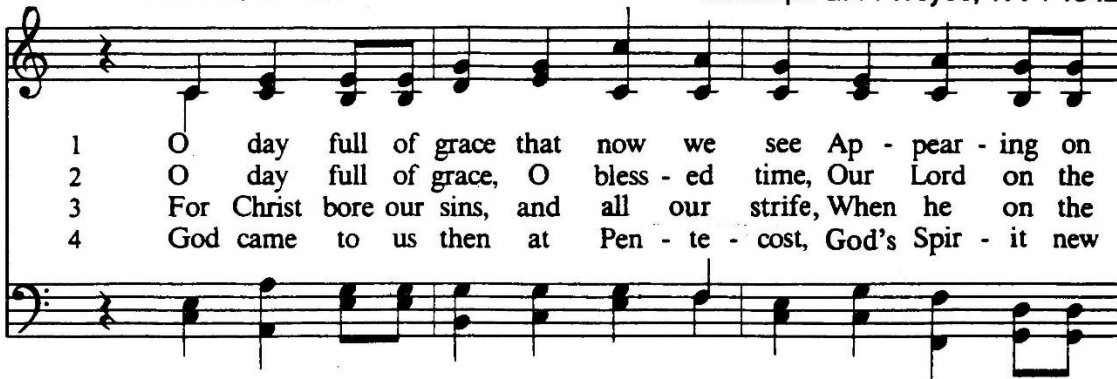
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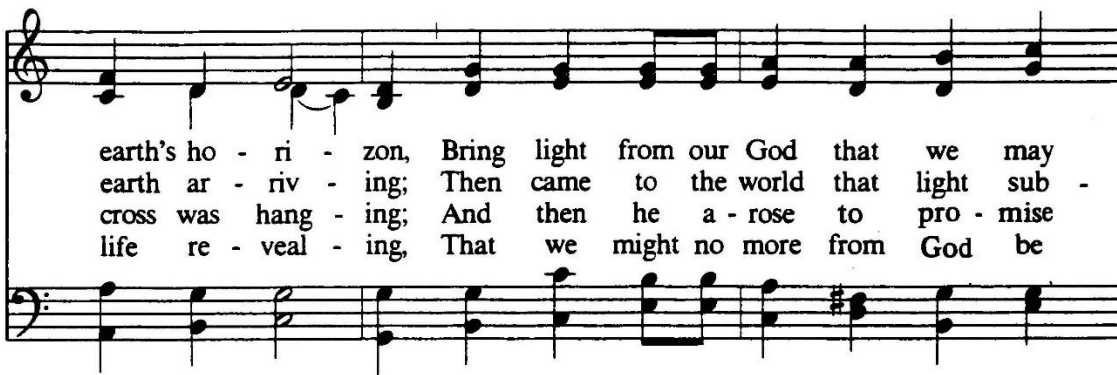
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Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872
Tr. Gerald Thorson, b. 1921

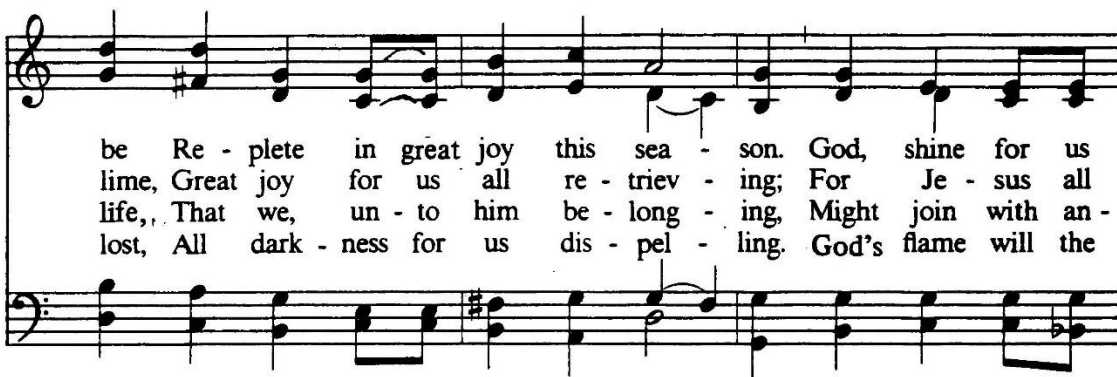
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Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842



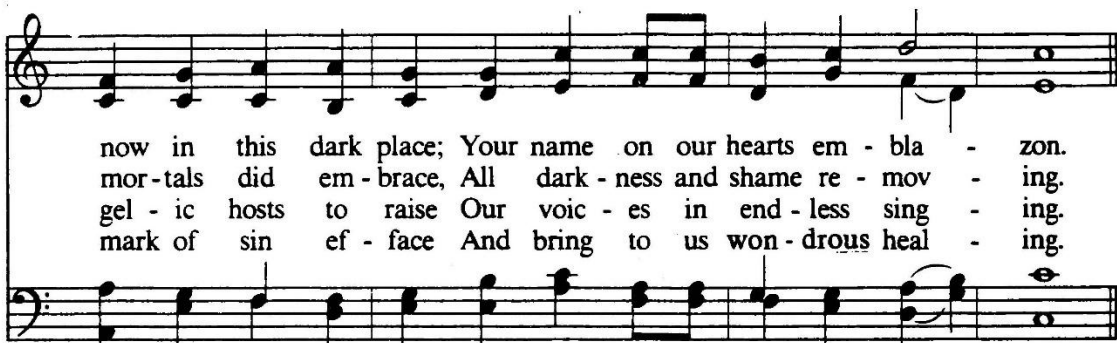
1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and all our strife, When he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, God's Spir - it new



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; And then he a - rose to pro - mise
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from God be



be Re - plete in great joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
life, That we, un - to him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
lost, All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. God's flame will the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us won - drous heal - ing.

- 5 When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels God's name adoring.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

Carry This All

By Alexandra Blakely

*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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

*CLOSING HYMN

Insert

We O God Unite Our Voices

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We, O God, unite our voices

Paul Duke and Grady Nutt

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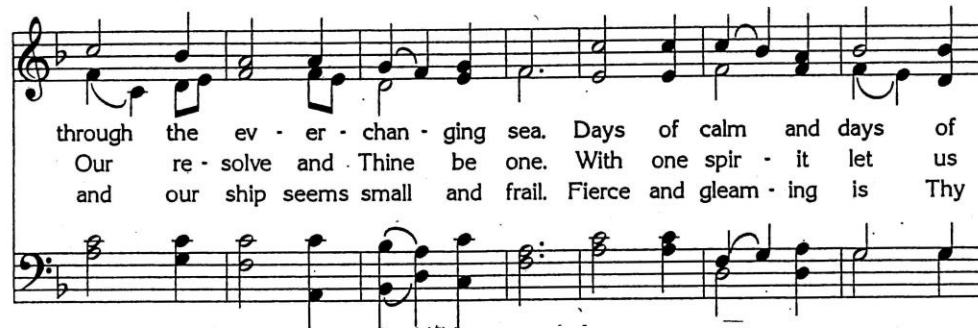
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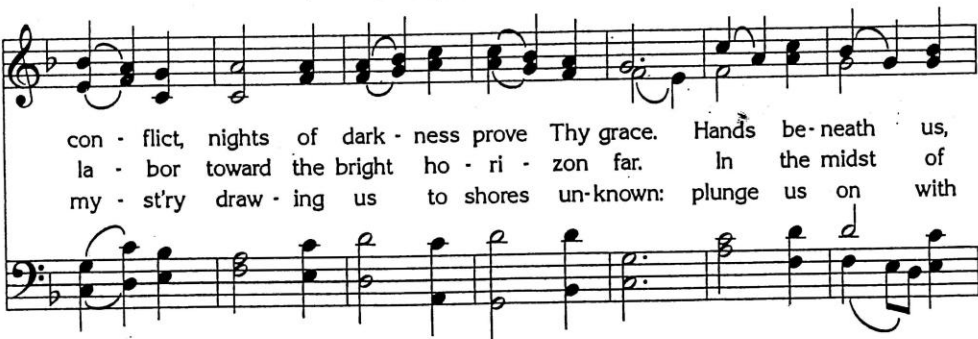
1. We, O God, u - nite our voi - ces, raised in thank - ful
2. See - ing then the task be - fore us bind our hearts and
3. Not our choice the wind's di - rec - tion, un - for - seen the



praise to Thee. Thou, un - chan - ging, safe hath brought us
hands as one. May our la - bor be in un - ion.
calm or gale. Thy great o - cean swells be - fore us,



through the ev - er - chan - ging sea. Days of calm and days of
Our re - solve and Thine be one. With one spir - it let us
and our ship seems small and frail. Fierce and gleam - ing is Thy



con - flict, nights of dark - ness prove Thy grace. Hands be - neath us,
la - bor toward the bright ho - ri - zon far. In the midst of
my - st'ry draw - ing us to shores un - known: plunge us on with



arms a - round us, and, a - bove, Thy shin - ing face.
temp - est per - il be Thy cross our guid - ing star.
hope and cour - age 'til Thy har - bor is our home!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Van Diemen's Land

Played and sung by Kevin Branting

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

A NOTE ABOUT THE POSTLUDE:

"Van Diemen's Land" - This traditional song from the UK speaks of the fate of a man convicted of poaching and sentenced to deportation to the British penal colony in Van Diemen's Land. But the song is really about racism, wrongful conviction and injustice once one gets put into the penal system. It's a cautionary tale of resistance and its consequences when resisters meet powerful politicians. It has recently had a bit of a resurrection thanks to a cover by Irish band U2.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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:

The Outreach mission focus for September and October is our Nicaraguan partners and the Tai Shigaki travel fund. In the past, these funds have included scholarships for students attending the church-sponsored school, the church in Leon, Project Minnesota-Leon and AMOS (a ministry of sharing). Thank you for any assistance you can provide!

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!

-Karole Graham, Outreach coordinator

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter 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

UBC Church Picnic is today after church. Let's welcome a new semester to Dinkytown!

Hymnal update – With the help of a grant from Calvin Vital Worship, we will be creating a new worship resource. The Blue hymnal that UBC created in 1983 (before other inclusive language hymnals existed) will be updated and expanded. We're spending this year looking at old hymns and trying out some new ones. We want your feedback. Please complete the flyer giving feedback on today's hymns. Your input will be very helpful to the hymnal project team. We hope to have the new resource published by the summer.

WE WANT YOUR STORIES! – Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Did you grow up here? Did you raise your kids here? Did you get married here? Do you remember your first Sunday? What is/was different about worship here? Have you been on any committees? Have you led any committees? How have you seen the church respond to world events? Do you have a baptism story to share? Any memories of pastors who were especially meaningful to you? 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...Chris Follett wants your stories and will compile them into a booklet commemorating our 175th anniversary. If you want, consider attending our Memoirs group on Zoom every other Tuesday at 7pm, where we read our stories and give each other feedback. Maybe this will give you the impetus you need to get writing! Nothing fancy here! No writing experience necessary!

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.

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!

Garden Team – Usually Wednesday mornings starting at 9am. We usually stay for two or three hours, with time for rest and fellowship. If you think you might be able to help, please get on our email list in case of schedule changes. Contact Betsy Kerr at 612-877-2018 or bjkerr@umn.edu.

Community Night at First Church! All are welcome to join us outside in front of the church on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:30-7:30pm—especially students who are moving into the neighborhood! We'll have a potato bar with all the fixings, lemonade, sweet treats, and potted plants to take home. This event is free and open to the public. First Church is located at 500 8th Ave. SE in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood. Contact the office with any questions: office@firstchurchmn.org.

Bell choir meets at 6:30pm Wednesday in the sanctuary. **The vocal choir** begins their season next Wednesday.

Musicians' Salon – Thursday, September 11, 7pm at UBC. *What is the Musicians' Salon?* The Musicians' Salon was created to foster new talent, inspire creativity, and offer a supportive space for performers to share their work. Inspired by the French tradition of the salon—a cultural gathering where artists and thinkers exchange ideas—this is a modern space for musicians to connect, collaborate, and grow together. Who Can Participate? Everyone! All musical styles and backgrounds are welcome: Instrumentalists, singers (opera, pop, jazz, rock—you name it!), composers, improvisers, and more. Whether you're polishing a recital piece, testing out a new composition, or just looking to perform in a low-pressure, friendly environment—we'd love to have you! Email rebeccaluttio@gmail.com for more info.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – September 13 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. The September book is *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering – September 13 (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/>

Roots Cellar Concert: Sadie Gustafson-Zook – Saturday, September 13 at 7pm for \$20. See more info and buy tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/sadiegustafsonzook>

Every time Sadie Gustafson-Zook carves a linoleum block, sews a pencil case out of scraps, or admires the way the ink in her Pilot G-2 glides over her journal, she thinks, “I should be doing this all the time.” The act of creating something tangible is the air Sadie breathes. Her songwriting is the same—weaving an internal dialogue, the stories she tells herself, warm melodies and clever chords into something real, something she can physically feel with her hands and her throat. And chances are that you'll be able to feel them too. “*Sadie Gustafson-Zook is a songwriter with that enviable knack of being able to take a very specific moment in her life and somehow imbue it with universality and a common thread. Listening to her songs, you find yourself thinking about your own existence as you learn about hers.*” - *songwriting magazine*. **Next Roots Cellar Concerts** – Jasper Lepak on Sunday, October 12 at 6pm, and Rachael Kilgour on Saturday, November 8 at 7pm. See concert info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/host/roots-cellar>

Bible Studies –The Journeys Bible Study will begin on Sunday, September 14 at 11:45am. It will meet every Sunday in the Char Follett library. Pick up a curriculum in the library. The Saturday morning Bible studies will meet every first and third Saturdays at 9am over Zoom (beginning on September 20).

Looking Ahead

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – September 15 (3rd Monday), 7pm at the home of Barbara Franklin. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Memoir Writing Group – September 16 & 30 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Crying/Tears, Your First Sunday at UBC, and UBC Memories or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Card Club – Saturday, September 20, 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.

Dinners for 7 or 8 – We will be partnering with First Congregational Church to host and/or attend a dinner on September 20. If you decide to sign up to host, you can choose if you want to do a potluck or provide the whole meal. The group will be assembled to be a mix of people from both congregations. See Chris Follett if you have any questions.

Hymnal Task Force – Monday, September 22, 6-7:30pm. Join us to assess our progress on updating/creating a new worship resource. The Blue hymnal that UBC created is 42 years old. We received a grant to update and enhance it. What new hymns do you want to hear? What hymns in the Blue hymnal do you want to modify?

Spanish Conversation Group – September 27 (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 at deidredruk@aol.com

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – October 1 (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 – October 2 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Block Party – Sunday, October 12, noon-6pm. As part of our 175th anniversary celebration, we're hosting a block party at UBC. There will be several musical experiences during the afternoon, a film about historic Dinkytown, interactive games and food. There will even be a Roots Cellar concert at 6pm that evening.

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 kids, minus Peter and Andrew, who are with Megan at that time in their own Sunday school. The Circle Time typically would involve a song (to gather the children), a brief story, a song or two related to the story and a prayer. That's it. Megan has loads of suggestions for these mini lessons. Hopefully enough folks will volunteer that each would only need to do 4-8 Sundays. Contact Dahlberg.megan4@gmail.com or text 651-491-9698.

175th Anniversary events – Volunteers are needed to be part of activities including a block party in the fall, history research and writing, and more. Contact any of the committee members or chair Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417 if you'd like to volunteer or get more information.

Meals on Wheels – UBC has an opportunity to participate 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 or would like to schedule a ride-along, please contact Marie LaFrance at

marielafrance46@gmail.com

UBC history research – At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. We also have many cartons and files of material at the church that need to be sorted and prepared for the History Center. There is a lot of sleuthing to do! At the History Center, 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.

Loaves & Fishes – Friday, October 31, 2-7pm, 1816 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis 55404. Parking is available on Portland Ave. or in the small lot on the alley west of the building. We'll need about four people for food prep between 2-5pm, about six people for packing to-go containers from 4:30 to 6pm., and a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you can help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.

Reminders

The Council decided that since Joys and Concerns are extending our time in the sanctuary well past 11:00, we would officially change the times scheduled to honor those who have prepared coffee time, forum presenters, and Sunday School teachers. **Effective September 14, coffee time will be 11:15 - 11:45 and forum, Sunday School, and Bible study will be 11:45-12:45.** (Sept. 7 is our welcome back picnic after service.) Council meetings will begin at 2pm.

Important: If you are not getting Pastor Doug's weekly email or the UBC monthly newsletter, please send your email address to Trista at info@ubcmn.org.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH!

If you can't attend in person, join us by livestream on Sunday mornings from 10-11am. We would also appreciate it if you would write a memory of UBC and send it to us at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address. We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months to share the joy of UBC's legacy and God's continuing revelation.

- Blessings and peace, Pastor Doug Donley and the 175th Anniversary Committee: Chris Follett, Don Follett, Elnyn Alexander Fraser Jr., Harriet Johnson, Howard Johnson, Gayla Marty (chair), Betty Shaw, Sue Wester, Terri Wottrich

Future celebrations:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - PICNIC

Welcome back picnic after church
10 am - Worship followed by lunch on the lawn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - PICTURING THE PAST

Illustrated presentation of our locations in St. Anthony/S.E. Minneapolis
by architectural historian Kristin Anderson 11:30 am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - BLOCK PARTY

Arts and fun with our Dinkytown neighbors 12-6 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SAINTS

Honoring loved ones and leaders who have joined our great cloud of witnesses
10 am - Worship followed by a potluck lunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - BUILDING TOUR

Tour our 100-year-old building with historical preservation experts 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Lessons and carols with musical prelude 4:30 pm