

*March 23, 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

March 23, 2025

*Lent 3*

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on Psalm 126*

Lili Wieruszowski

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: O God, who called all life into being,

**All: THE EARTH, SEA AND SKY ARE YOURS.**

One: Your presence is all around us,

**All: EVERY ATOM IS FULL OF YOUR ENERGY.**

One: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

**All: WITH HER WE YEARN FOR JUSTICE TO BE DONE,**

One: For creation to be freed from bondage,

**All: FOR THE HUNGRY TO BE FED,**

One: For captives to be released,

**All: FOR YOUR KINGDOM OF PEACE TO COME ON EARTH.**

(adapted from the Iona Worship Book)

(\*Stand as you are willing and able)

\*OPENING HYMN

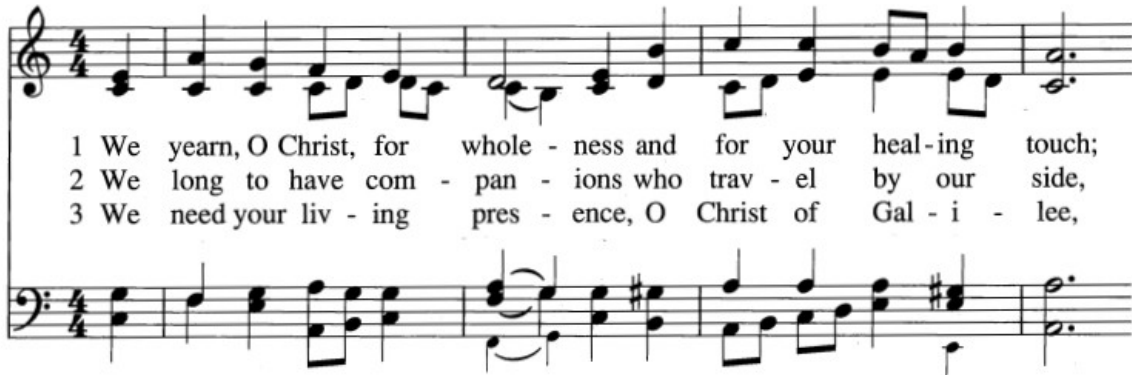
Black Hymnal #179

*We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

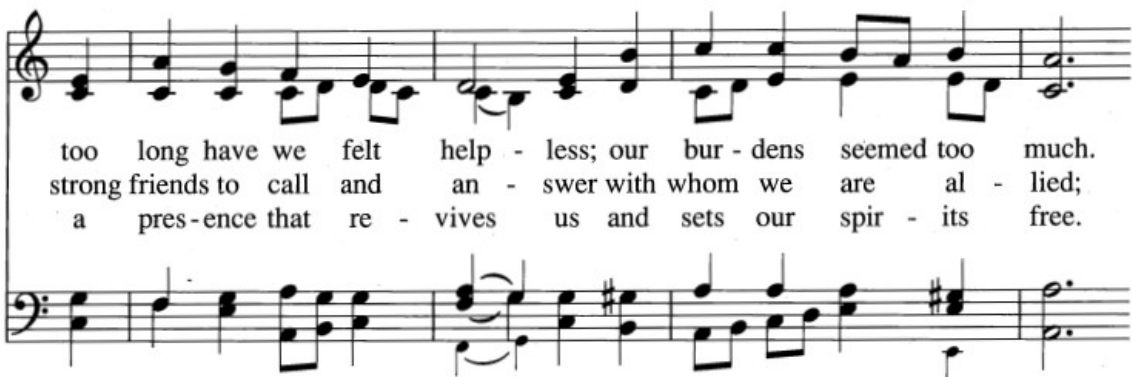
PASSION CHORALE

## We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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*Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993*


1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;  
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,  
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,



too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.  
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;  
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.



For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,  
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,  
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.



in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.  
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.  
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

*Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).*

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601  
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719  
 For another harmonization, see 202

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!

¡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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Margaret Chase Smith  
(1897-1995)

Megan Dahlberg

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

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:27-32

Rev. Doug Donley

## God who gathered us from splinters

1. God who gath-ered us from splin-ters, Fash - ioned us from ev' - ry race,  
2. Make us seek - ers af - ter one - ness, Where we are still torn a - part:  
3. God who tore us from our sec - rets, God who broke through mis - trust's wall:  
4. This the birth of a new bo - dy Con - se - cra - ted to your name:

5  
In this ci - ty, on this cor - ner, Help us to glimpse Je - sus' face.  
Make us seek - ers af - ter heal - ing, You who mend each bro - ken heart.  
Come and hear the strong re - joic - ing Ris - ing up through - out our hall.  
In the place of tears and ash - es Op - en now to live a - gain.

9  
Midst the sor - row and the an - ger, Crowd - ing needs, for - sa - ken lands,  
Make us seek - ers af - ter just - ice, God who end - ed sla - very's hold;  
Come and turn our joy - ful sing - ing In - to acts of dig - ni - ty;  
This the song of fresh new voi - ces, This the cry of in - fant love,

13  
Grant us faith to grasp your lead - ing, Stretch us out to be your hands.  
Make us seek - ers of truth - tell - ing, Pil - grim - heart - ed, sure and bold.  
Come and turn our sac - red wor - ship In - to lives which set folk free.  
This the burn - ing fie - ry com - ing Of an an - cient spi - rit dove.

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Text: Peter J.B. Carman, March 1994 for Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, NY

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## OFFERING



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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*God Be in My Head*

Colin Brumby

God be in my head,  
 And in my understanding;  
 God be in my eyes,  
 And in my looking;  
 God be in my mouth,  
 And in my speaking;  
 God be in my heart,  
 And in my thinking;  
 God be at my end,  
 And at my departing.

## 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

*Great Love, Your Loveliness is Signed*

NOEL

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# Great Love, Your Loveliness Is Signed


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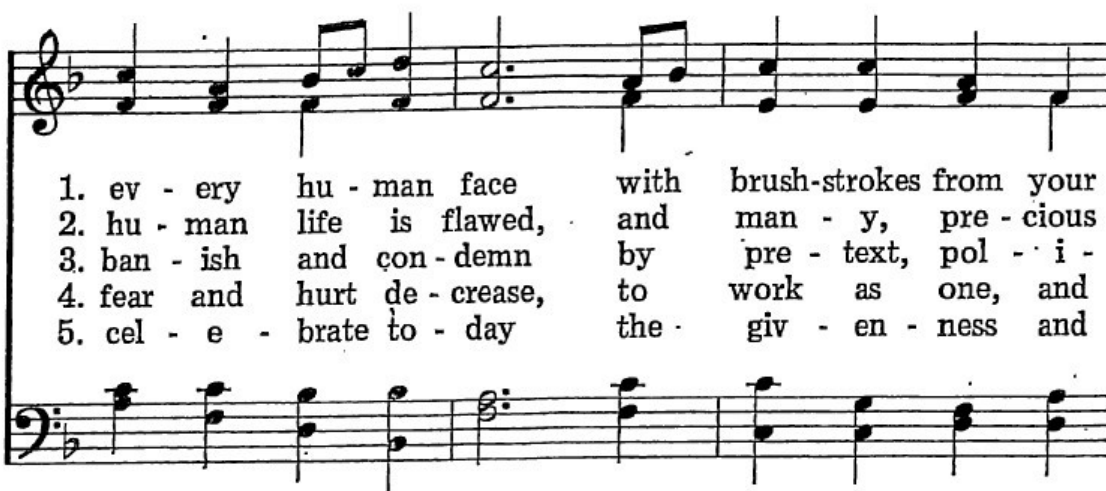
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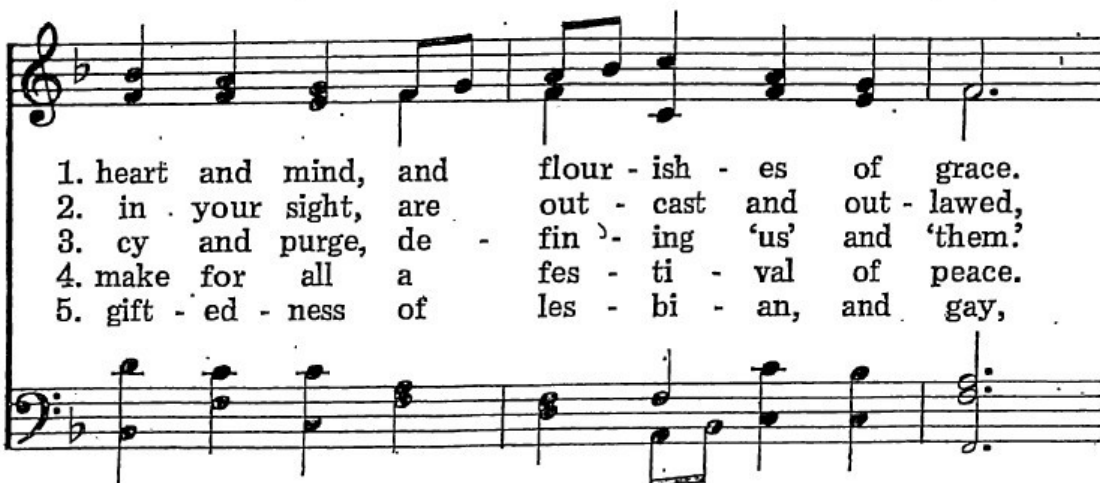
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1. Great Love, your love - li - ness is signed in  
2. Di - ver - si - ty is your de - light, but  
3. For - give and curb our itch - ing urge to  
4. We mix and meet, as fenc - es fall and  
5. Be - cause the Word has graced our flesh, we



1. ev - ery hu - man face with brush-strokes from your  
2. hu - man life is flawed, and man - y, pre - cious  
3. ban - ish and con - demn by pre - text, pol - i -  
4. fear and hurt de - crease, to work as one, and  
5. cel - e - brate to - day the - giv - en - ness and



1. heart and mind, and flour - ish - es of grace.  
2. in your sight, are out - cast and out - lawed,  
3. cy and purge, de - fin - ing 'us' and 'them.'  
4. make for all a fes - ti - val of peace.  
5. gift - ed - ness of les - bi - an, and gay,

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in A Major*

Elizabeth Stirling

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

I posted notes about Lili Wieruszowski in a previous bulletin.

We don't know much about the British organist and composer Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895). She was an organist at prominent London churches from 1839 to 1880. She wrote over 70 pieces of music, including 50 songs, choral anthems, and a dozen or so pieces for organ, including several works for pedal alone. This postlude is taken from her collection "Six Fugues for Organ On English Psalm Tunes." The actual tune is "Nun freut ich," also known as "Luther's hymn" (and that's how it is marked in the original score; it's #374 in the black hymnal). She creates a fugue in the upper voices where the tune is almost always present in some form; while this works itself out, the entire melody is presented phrase by phrase in the pedals. British organs generally did not have a full pedal division until the mid/late 1800s; however, Stirling apparently was a pioneer in both performing on and writing for instruments with a complete pedal division. One of her first recitals, given when she was 18, was reviewed in a contemporary music journal: "This young lady ... was the unceasing object of general astonishment, and performed for nearly three hours in continuation the most difficult pedal fugues and preludes of Bach, with a degree of precision and mastery, which may almost be said to be unrivaled." She clearly took her study of Bach to heart in her organ compositions.

### **SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & 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:

**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 Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Avenues for Youth, Every Meal and the Northside Achievement Zone. Thank you for any donations you can make to support programs which 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 Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs



## **UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See our newsletter at [ubcmn.org/newsletter](http://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**

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

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

**Today's Forum – How to prepare for potential site visits by ICE.** Last month, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security rescinded a long-standing policy that prevented immigration enforcement actions from taking place at houses of worship, with limited exceptions. The rescission of the Sensitive Locations Policy leaves many congregations like UBC vulnerable to visits by Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) and raises questions on what to do if that happens. In this timely forum, John Medeiros will discuss steps UBC can take to prepare for site visits. Ushers and others who attend UBC regularly are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Journeys, a Bible Study for adults** – 11:30am in the Char Follett library. Beginning the first Sunday in March, Journeys begins a new quarter that will take us through Lent to Easter and toward Pentecost. Journeys meets Sunday mornings in the library following worship. It's 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.

The Journeys topics and readings are as follows:

March 23           CONTROL: Isaiah 55:1-9

March 30           GRACE: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Sacred Harp Singing** – Sundays (except the 1<sup>st</sup>), 4-6pm, and every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

**Solidarity Circle** (formerly UASC) will meet at UBC for a potluck dinner on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. This is a great chance to connect with other churches in the neighborhood who are committed to welcoming the stranger.

### **This week**

**Bells and Choir Rehearsals** – Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary or lounge. Choir 6pm. No bell choir this week.

**Every Meal Food Packing Event** – Thursday, March 27, 1-3pm. UBC's Every Meal team (Denise Roy, Chris Follett and Kim Donley) invites you to join us for a fun food packing event. We'll join others, including from First Congregational Church and University Lutheran Church of Hope, at the Volunteer Center in Roseville. If you might like to participate, contact Denise at [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu) for additional details.

**Forum (March 30)** – Sacred Reckonings Antiracism Assessment Survey. Several UBC folks are participating in Sacred Reckonings, a training program for predominantly White churches seeking to engage in the work of reparations to Black and Indigenous communities. This month our group will distribute the program's Antiracism Assessment to the UBC community. Please complete the survey by Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of this week. We'll discuss the results in this forum. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHZ6HJR>

## Looking Ahead

**Memoir Writing Group** – April 1, 15 & 30 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Worry, Soup, Eggs, and “Where was I when \_\_\_\_\_ happened?” or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

**UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group** – April 2 (1st Wednesdays) 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** – April 3 (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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com)

**Bible Study** – April 5 & 19 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9am. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at [dianeehr82@gmail.com](mailto:dianeehr82@gmail.com).

**Meals on Wheels** – April 8-12 (typically 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 [mariafrance46@gmail.com](mailto:mariafrance46@gmail.com).

**Every Meal** – April 11 (2nd Friday), 11am -1pm at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Kim Donley, Chris Follett or Denise Roy at [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu)

**Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group** – April 12 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. Via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Wild Church Gathering** – April 12 (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/>

**Palm Sunday Brunch** – April 13, 10am. Bring your family and your appetite as we gather for our traditional Palm Sunday brunch. We will meet downstairs in the Adele Fadden Assembly Hall for a potluck of egg dishes, fruit, pastries and other sundry food items. The service will start there and then we will process with palms and flowers in hand singing as we go outside and then into the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. Sign-up sheets will be in the lounge for food contributions and set-up and clean-up help. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Shaw at [bettyshawmn@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyshawmn@yahoo.com).

**Maundy Thursday Service** – April 17, 6pm at UBC. Details to follow.

**Good Friday Service** – April 18, 7pm at First Congregational Church. Details to follow.

**Easter** – April 20

**UBC-FCC Knitting Group** – April 21 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Mercedes Tuma-Hansen'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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Spanish Conversation Group** – April 26 (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** – April 26, 1-3pm. 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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com)

**Stories @First Volume 3** – Sunday, April 27, 1 p.m. Our friends at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave SE) invite us to join in an experience of creating community through storytelling. The theme for our Spring story slam is “Second Chances.”

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

**UBC / FCC Collaboration Task Force** – UBC and First Congregational Church are exploring ways to collaborate in ministry. Pastor Donley and Jean Lubke are looking for 2-3 additional open-minded individuals willing to explore possibilities to join the task force. We have been meeting once a month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 9 am at FCC. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug or Jean Lubke.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

May 30 – Loaves & Fishes

June 8 – Annual Meeting