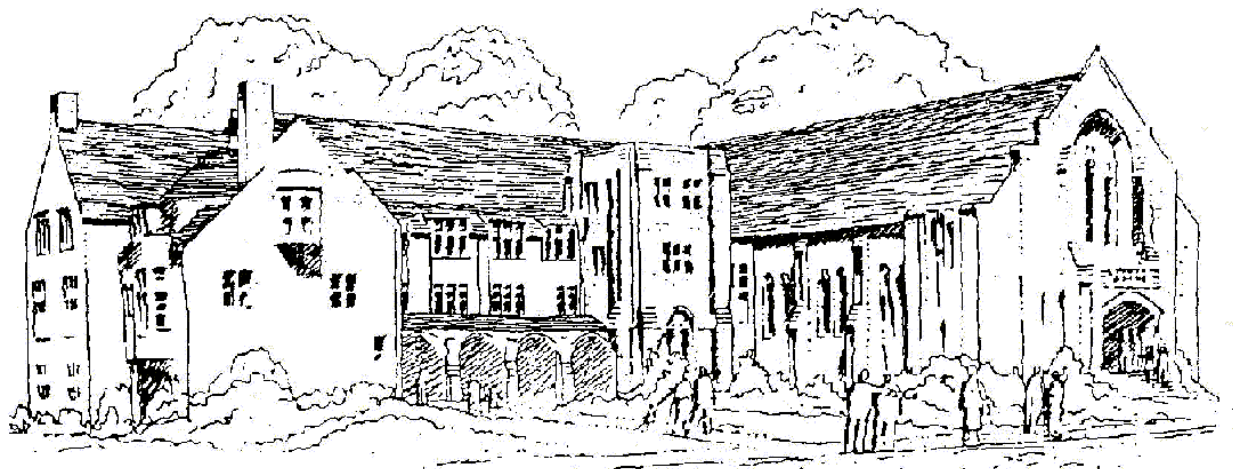


October 18, 2026



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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

October 18, 2026

Pentecost 21

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling 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

Over the Distant Mountains Breaking

Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship:

Many: We bring the burdens of the week.

One: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

Many: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

One: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

All: We bring this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

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

*OPENING HYMN
New Century 300

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign

300

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 72; Rev. 1:4b-8

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.
 and all who suf - fer want are blessed.
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

The second half of a longer paraphrase of Psalm 72, this hymn was included in Isaac Watts' *Psalms of David*, a collection of psalm-based poems with New Testament orientation. John Hatton once lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's, Lancaster, England.

Tune: DUKE STREET L.M.
 Attrib. to John Hatton, c. 1793

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Мир вам!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 22: 15-22

Page NT 24 in your pew Bible

SERMON

"Life and Taxes"

Richard Lanford

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN

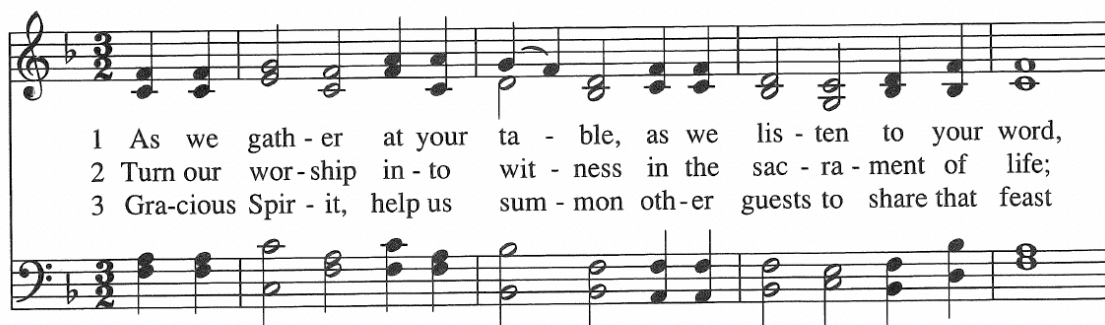
Is it Lawful to Pay Taxes?
To the tune of New Century 332

BEACH SPRING

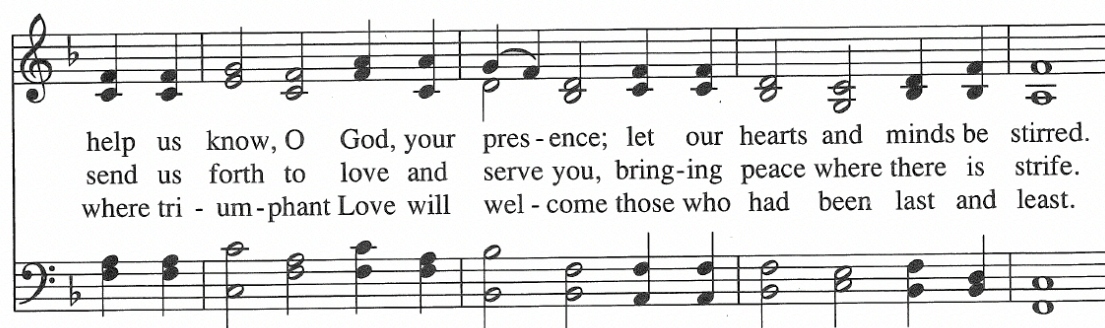
As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

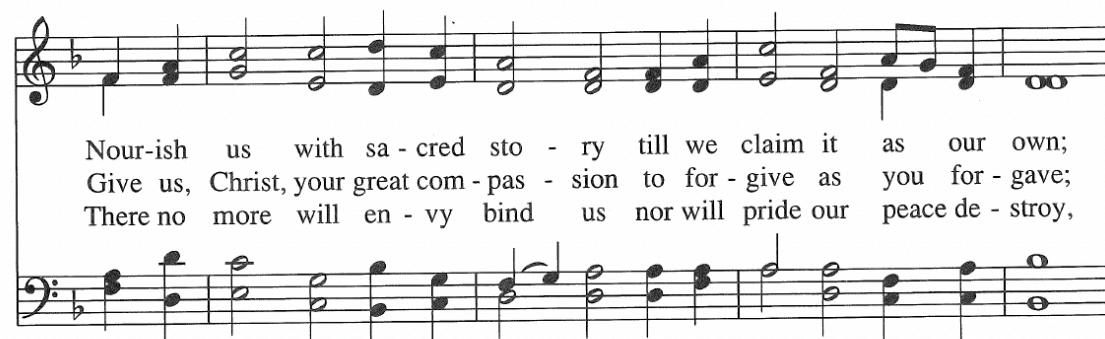
Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989



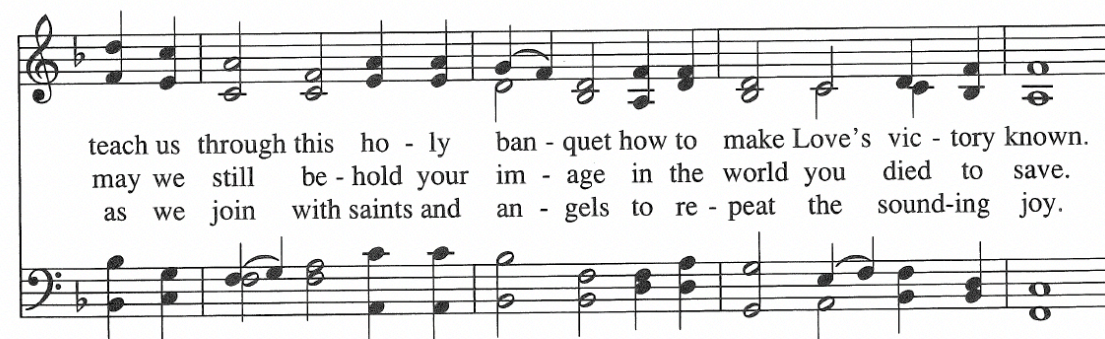
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

Second hymn text:

Lyrics by Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“Is it lawful to pay taxes when they prop up Caesar's rule?”
So some people asked of Jesus, wanting him to seem a fool.
Saying “no” would be sedition; saying “yes” would be a sin.
Jesus changed the conversation, calling them to look within.

“Find a tax coin in your treasure; see the image that it bears.
Give to Caesar what is Caesar's. (Give to rulers what is theirs.)”
Yet he pressed on with his message; “Give to God what is God's own.”
We who bear our Maker's image worship God and God alone.

Lord of all, in every nation, may your word be understood —
That we have an obligation to support the common good.
May our taxes, all together, fund our working hand in hand
So that life will be made better for all people in this land.

Still, we also hear your teaching: “Give to God what God is due.”
May no ruler — overreaching — try to take the place of you.
May we listen to your message, may we honor what is yours;
May we, living in your image, seek your kingdom that endures.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Based on The Message Paraphrase

Our Holy Parent in heaven,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right;
Do what's best – As above, so below.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
You're in charge! You can do anything you want!
You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

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

Pie Jesu, from Requiem

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Trevor Lemon-Todd and Lauren Thrift, soloists

Offertory text:

Pie Jesu, (x4)
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem. (x2)

Agnus Dei, (x4)
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem, (x2)
Sempiternam (x2)
Requiem.

English translation:

Pious Jesus,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Give them rest.

Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Give them rest,
Everlasting
Rest.

***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.”

—Luke 4:18-19

*CLOSING HYMN
New Century 503

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

MARYTON

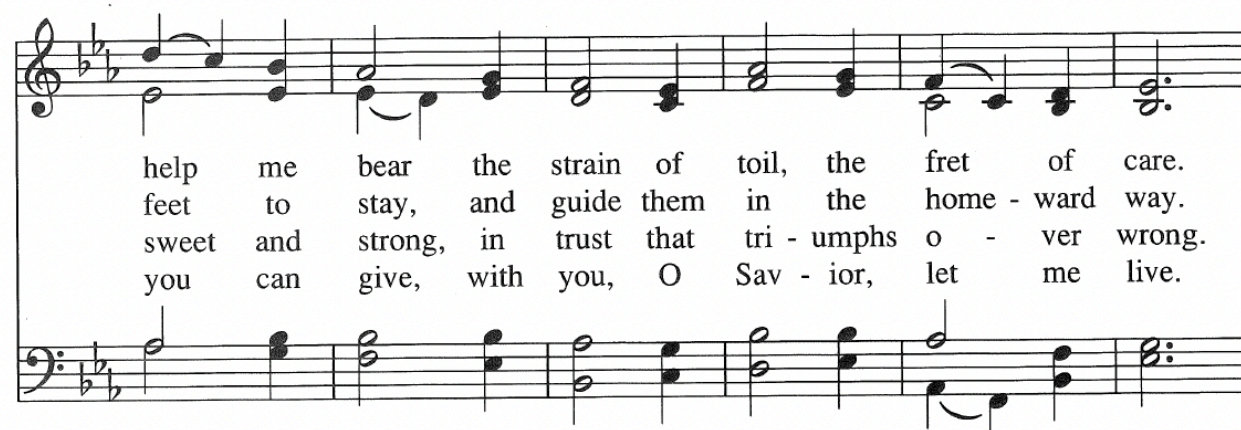
O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Minor

Mendelssohn

*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.***

GET TO KNOW THE GUEST PREACHER:

Richard Lanford is a member of First Congregational Church, having grown up in Minneapolis and Columbia Heights. Ordained in 1984, he retired from the pastorate in 2024 after almost 40 years of service in Chicago and Skokie, IL. He is also a member of the Joint Task Force bringing together members of both FCC and UBC. He, his wife Beth, and their two cats make their home in South Minneapolis.

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

The “Pie Jesu” is probably the best-known section of Webber's *Requiem*.

The Mendelssohn Fugue is the last movement of his last organ sonata. He was commissioned to write a set of voluntaries (sound familiar?) by a British publisher in the mid 1840s but used the term “sonata” not in the classical sense (of, say, a Beethoven sonata) but rather as a collection of different movements, not unlike the English voluntaries composed around the same time. -- David

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

The Outreach mission focus for October will support several important ministries in our community and congregation. In tandem with our Give to the Max goals (more to come on this soon!), we will be contributing toward the Solidarity Circle, which supports and accompanies refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants in our community. We will also contribute toward the Discipleship Project (that started on August 27th) along with continuing to assist with travel through the Tai Shigaki Travel Fund. Thank you for any assistance you can provide in supporting these important ministries and helping us extend our care and welcome to others. 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 support of outreach!

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info

Today

Forum: Update from Tunisia. Gayla Marty will share highlights from her recent visit to Tunisia, where she studied in college and has returned many times over the years.

This Week

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group. Monday, 7-9pm at Barbara Franklin's. Bring your embroidery, knitting, crocheting, or whatever project! Contact Chris Follett with questions.

Sacred Harp, Tuesday, 5:30pm in Room 303.

Racial Justice Team, Tuesday, 7pm.

Choir & Carillon Bells Rehearsals on Wednesday – Chorale rehearsal 6pm, Carillon Bells rehearsal 7:30pm.

U of M Homecoming Parade

Ski-U-Mah! The parade band starts marching just one block north of and passing right **in front of UBC at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 23**. Join friends on the lawn for community, a bonfire with s'mores, and hot apple cider. Let Laura Justin (612-886-4613, laura.anne.justin@gmail.com) know if you can help supply food, wood, or roasting sticks; set up chairs; staff a table with some information about us and cups of hot cider; or help put things away after the street sweepers roll past. It's always a fun time. Go Gophers!

Project Minnesota/León Fiesta, October 24, 2-4pm at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church. The meeting will include: An update on Nicaragua and folks involved with PML, discussion of possible dissolution of PML, and music and dessert!

This Month

Don Follett's 93rd birthday is October 26! He would appreciate a note or a card. If you'd like to send one:

Don Follett
Amira Choice Enhanced Care
2680 Lexington Ave N #110
Roseville, MN 55113

Volunteer Opportunities

Nursery Volunteers – It is important to have two people in the nursery to care for the kids. UBC tries to staff with hired folks, but it is a struggle. We could use a group of UBC members who are willing to volunteer in the nursery. Volunteers will be paired with a paid staff member. We need help on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you are interested, contact Megan Dahlberg at gunnar@umn.edu.

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 mariefrance46@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed! We could use a couple more ushers. It's easy! Just arrive at 9:30am, greet people at the door, hand them a bulletin, take offering, and help visitors if needed. Commitment of approximately one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. See Chris Follett if interested.

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 contact 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!)