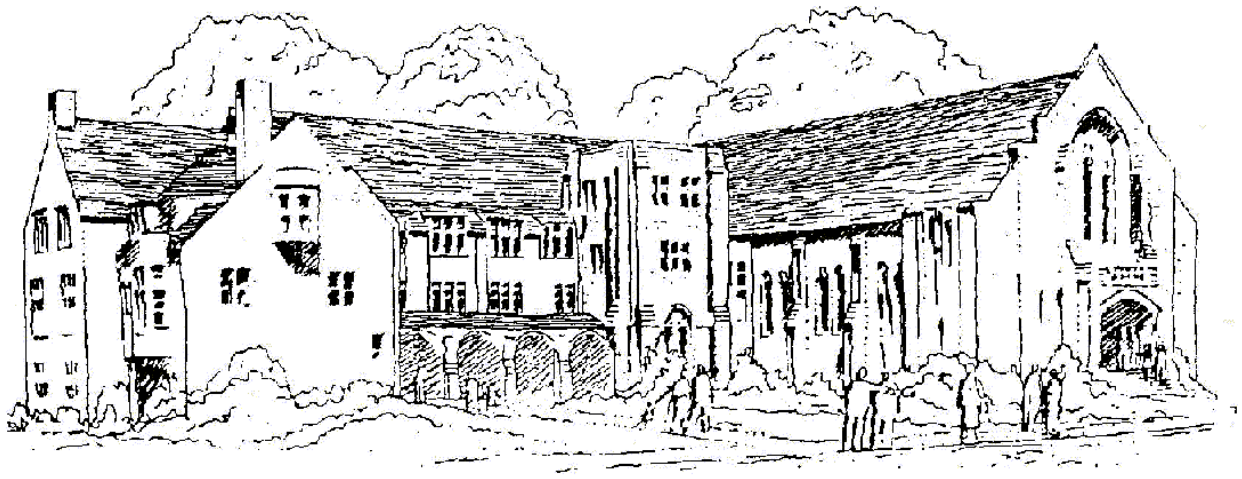


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University Baptist Church

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Spirit

JS Bach

Welcome!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: The wind of God, the breath of Life.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: Our Advocate, our Counselor.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

One: Come, Holy Spirit.

Many: May we feel God breathing through our worship.

One: Come, Holy Spirit.

All: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

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

Written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith

*OPENING HYMN

Black Hymnal #272

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam! 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!

The musical score is written in 6/8 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are in Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese. The first system of music includes the following 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 includes: '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 piano accompaniment includes chord markings: F, C, Am, F, G7, C.

PRAYING TOGETHER

One: I feel something in this place!

Many: It feels like fire burning within!

One: It feels fresh and exciting!

Many: It feels like fire burning within!

One: It feels like uncontainable joy!

Many: It feels like fire burning within!

ALL: It is fire burning within! We are on fire, and the world can't put it out!

B. Kevin Smalls, The Africana Worship Book, For Year B, Valerie Bridgeman Davis, PhD and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 62.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Use these words or whatever is familiar to you)

Creator of all life and this Earth that is our home, who is all around us, hallowed be thy name. Thy commonwealth 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 realm, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Creador de toda vida y de esta tierra que es nuestro hogar, que nos rodea, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu mancomunidad. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas 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

LITANY FOR WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBER

Karen Thomas

- President: We are a church that is committed to justice, inclusion, mercy, hope and love. Will you do all in your power to support the church in its mission?
- New member:** **I will.**
- President: Will you give of yourself, your time, your presence, your tithes and offerings in the pursuit of healthy and healing ministry?
- New member:** **I will.**
- President: I now ask the congregation, will you accept **Karen** into the family of University Baptist Church? Will you celebrate with her, challenge her, and open yourself up to the aspects of God that she reveals to us?
- Congregation:** **We will, with joy.**
- President: We are now a new community because **Karen** has added her unique flair and flavor to our church family. Let us all reaffirm our mission statement as we covenant to prayerfully and joyfully pursue the ministry to which God has called us.
- All:** **Our Mission is to be a loving and inclusive community;
seeking faith, joy and action;
nurtured by the Biblical tradition,
the teachings of Christ
and God's continuing revelation.**

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

Insert

*Take Me to the Water/Come
Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

Take me to the water

African-American Spiritual with stanzas 1-2 by Robert Robinson and stanza 3 by Robert Lowry

TAKE ME TO THE WATER
87.87 with Refrain

$\text{♩} = 64-72$

Refrain

Take me to the wa - - - ter, take me to the
None — but the right - - eous, none — but the

wa - ter, — take me to the wa - ter to
right - eous. — None — but the right - eous —

fine $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ In a gospel style

be bap - tized. — 1. Come thou fount of eve - ry
shall see God. — 2. O to grace how great a
3. Shall we ga - ther at the

bles - sing; tune my heart to sing thy praise. Streams of -
debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be. Let thy
ri - ver where bright an - gels' feet have trod. With its

D.C.

mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing call for songs of loud - est praise.
good - ness like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
cry - stal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God.

GIVING BACK FOR GOD’S WORK

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM.

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. W. L. Dawson

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit
 moving in my heart, I will pray.
 Yes, ev’ry time I feel the Spirit
 moving in my heart, I will pray.
 Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,
 out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
 Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
 till I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]
 Jordan river is chilly and cold,
 it chills the body, but not the soul.
 There ain’t but one train upon this track,
 It runs to heaven and right back. [Refrain]

*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

*CLOSING HYMN ASF Hymnal #35

Christ’s Word to Us is Like a Burning Fire

NATIONAL HYMN

Christ's Word to Us Is Like a Burning Fire

*Trumpets before each stanza
(optional)*

1 Christ's word to us is like a burn - ing
 2 Where peo - ple long for free - dom, peace, and
 3 When we are bowed by grief, de - feat, or
 4 So shall the Word, still like a burn - ing

fire, Sear - ing our hearts, our ac - tions to in - spire.
 bread, But they are giv - en chains and strife in - stead,
 fear, Warm and ig - nite the fire of faith and cheer.
 fire, Be all the truth and wis - dom we re - quire,

Burn deep with - in, O Christ, for - give and cleanse.
 Grant us the flame of cour - age, light of truth.
 So may we be em - powered to do the right,
 Flash - ing new in - sight, mak - ing vi - sion clear,

Show us the world through God's own per - fect lens.
 Use us, O God, now with the strength of youth.
 Liv - ing from dark - ness in - to dawn - ing light.
 Re - veal - ing Christ a - mong us now and here.

Jane Parker Huber, 1985

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NATIONAL HYMN 10 10 10 10
 George William Warren, 1892

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat major

JS Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

William L. Dawson (1899-1990), a noted Black composer and arranger, wrote works for orchestra, chamber ensembles, and also left us dozens of original choral compositions and arrangements of spirituals. In 1931, Dawson organized and headed the School of Music at Tuskegee (Institute) University. He would remain on faculty for twenty-five years. Dawson also developed the Tuskegee Institute Choir into an internationally renowned ensemble.

Today it's Bach to Bach for the prelude and postlude. The prelude is from the "Eighteen Great Chorales", a compilation Bach put together toward the end of his life; it includes some of his most extensive chorale preludes.

The postlude, the E-flat major fugue, is the final piece of the "German Organ Mass", an extensive compilation of music that in many ways is a summation of Bach's writing for organ. This fugue is saturated with references to the number three: it is in three parts, the key signature has three flats, each section contains a number of measures that is a multiple of three ... and so on; commentators suggest that all this is in reference to the Trinity. Also, there is one more interesting feature of this work: The theme of the first part appears in the second and third sections as well, and, in the last section of the piece, finally appears in the pedal using exactly the same notes as the beginning of the whole composition with one exception: this statement begins on the wrong note. It actually has to begin on this note in order to provide the harmonic fulcrum to bring the piece back to the home key. So ... sometimes it's necessary to take a detour from the best laid plans in order to reach the desired destination. I leave the theological implications for you to consider.

Since next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, as well as Doug's last Sunday, consider this fugue as a prelude to next week's celebrations.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY & JUNE

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 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!

—Kim Donley & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today

No Forum Today – Memorial Day weekend, extended coffee hour.

Journeys Bible Study – on hiatus until September.

Pastor Doug's Farewell Weekend Events:

- **Sacred Harp Sing** – Tuesday, May 26, 5:30-7:30pm. Sing some of the greatest hits/favorites of this boisterous style of singing that Doug has enjoyed here at UBC for 25 years.
- **Potluck and Program** – Saturday, May 30, 5pm. Sign up in the lounge for your potluck contribution. See Terri Wottrich if you can help with the potluck and Jean Lubke to help with the program.
- **Final Sunday Farewell "Forum"** – May 31, 10am service with coffee time with cake buffet after. Sign up in the lounge or see Chris Follett if you want to contribute your favorite homemade cake or if you can help with setup or cleanup.

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!

Choir & Carillon Bells Rehearsals – Final week of rehearsals! In preparation for 5/31 service: Wed: Chorale 6-6:45 pm. Carillon Bells rehearsal 6:45-8:00pm, both in the sanctuary.

Every Meal – May 28, 11:15am-1pm at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

Looking ahead

Monarca Election Defense Training – Organize a Monarca Election Defense Training in your neighborhood, to build a network of Election Defenders in every town, on every block, across Minnesota. Together we can protect our communities, and usher in a world where all of us can thrive, no exceptions. First Church is hosting training on June 3 from 6 pm to 8:30pm. **MUST REGISTER online:** <https://monarcamn.org/training> Click on button in upper right that says: 'Request a Democracy Defense Training'. See Deidre Druk with questions.

Caregiver Support Group – June 4 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Bible Study – June 6 & 20 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9am on Zoom. After June, we will be on hiatus until September. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at dianechr82@gmail.com

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – June 13 (2nd Saturday), 2pm on Zoom. The book this month is *The Perfumist of Paris* by Alka Joshi. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett.

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – June 15 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hendricks's home. The group is made up of crafters from UBC and First Congregational Church. All are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett.

Card Club – Saturday, June 20, 1pm at Jean Lubke's home. 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 at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.

UBC/FCC Spanish Conversation – June 27, 10am-noon (4th Saturday) at the HarMar Barnes and Noble. If you have questions, contact Deidre Druk at deidredruk@aol.com or in the Spanish Conversation WhatsApp.

Reminders

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.

Represent UBC with T-shirts, calendars and bumper stickers. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code. You can find them on the pew under the side balcony.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 marielafrence46@gmail.com.

Garden Team – We will skip this next week (May 27). Starting June 4, we will meet on Thursdays, 9am-12. See Betsy Kerr if you have questions.

Interim Pastor Chosen: Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

On behalf of the Search Committee, we are very pleased to announce that our Interim Pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Cody J. Sanders! As Cody has a full-time position as the associate professor of congregational and community care and leadership at Luther Seminary, he will be working at UBC on a part-time basis, beginning June 1st. We will also be hiring a Student Pastoral Associate, who will work 12 hours per week.

Cody comes with many strong skills and talents to help us move forward and prepare for our next settled pastor. Prior to Luther, he served as pastor to UBC's sibling American Baptist congregation, Old Cambridge Baptist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was also American Baptist Chaplain to Harvard University and Advisor for LGBTQ+ Affairs in the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2024-2025, he served as interim pastor of The Table in Minneapolis during a pastoral transition.

Cody has previously served on the board of UBC's partner organizations, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists and the BPFNA ~ Bautistas por la Paz, and was the founding co-convener of the Racial Justice & Multiculturalism Community in the Alliance of Baptists. He has published a number of books on congregational ministry, LGBTQ+ concerns, and spiritual care. He is originally from South Carolina and now lives in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul with his partner, also named Cody, and their very old dog, Suzie.

The Search Committee will begin its work toward our next settled pastor in June. Please remember that the search processes are confidential. The committee can never talk about candidates; please don't ask!