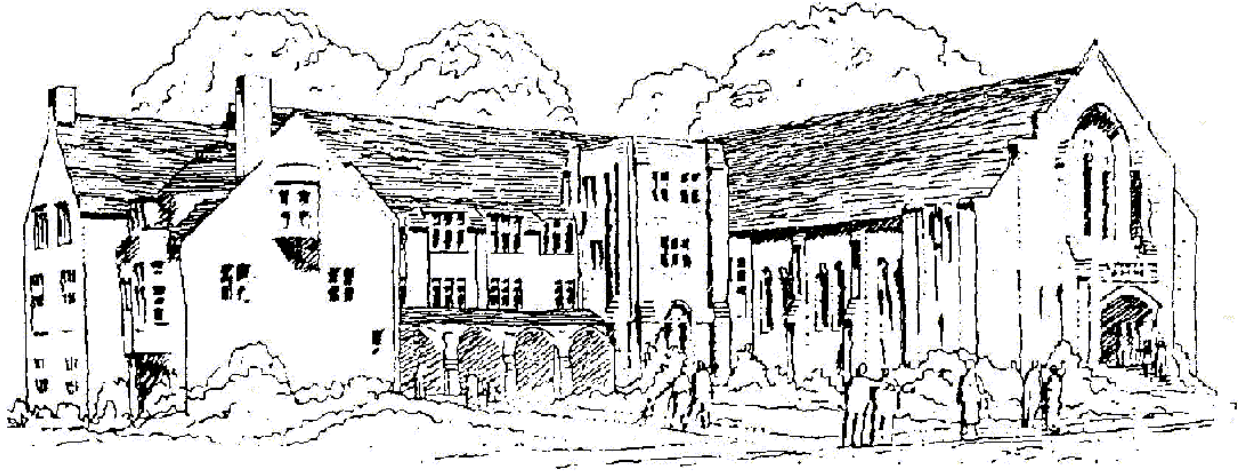


Commitment Sunday

April 12, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

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University Baptist Church

April 12, 2026

Easter 2

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Diptych, part 1: Prayer

Brenda Portman

Welcome!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Holy Day of Easter observed by our Orthodox siblings, please stand as you are able and join in today's Call to Worship.

One: Christos anesti!

Many: Alithos anesti!

One: Khristos voskres!

Many: Voistinu voskres!

One: Glory to you, O Christ, triumphant over death and injustice. Victorious over fear and shame.

Many: Glory to you, O Christ, new life overflows. Salvation reigns.

One: Glory to you, O Christ, we proclaim you risen, just as you said.

ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

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

*OPENING HYMN
Black hymnal #394

In Christ There is No East or West

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CHRISTIAN UNITY

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In Christ There Is No East or West

1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
 One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

Singer and composer Harry T. Burleigh studied at the National Conservatory of Music from 1892 to 1896. He is recognized as the first African-American composer to employ spirituals in concert arrangements. This tune is named after the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City, where Burleigh served as baritone soloist for more than fifty years.

Tune: McKEE C.M.
African-American melody
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939
Alternate setting: ST. PETER

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.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother,
 Holy is your name.
 May your love be enacted in the world;
 may your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread
 and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us in the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For all that we do in your love,
 and all that your love brings to birth,
 and the fullness of love that will be,
 are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

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

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:43-47

Rev. Doug Donley

ANTHEM

*Where True Charity and Love Dwell,
Ubi caritas (plainsong)*

Adapted from the 1982
Episcopal hymnal;
arr. David Lesniaski

Where true charity and love dwell,
God is there.

Since the love of Christ
has joined us in one body,
let us all rejoice and
be glad now and always.
And as we hear and love the living God,
so let us in sincerity love all people.

Now we pray that with
the blessed you grant us grace
to see your exalted glory.
O Christ our God,
our boundless source of joy
and truth, of peace and love,
for ever and forever more,
world without end.

SERMON

“A Revolutionary Economy”

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN
Black Hymnal #249

Peace I Leave With You

PEACE, MY FRIENDS

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends

John 14:18-29

Ray Repp, 1967

Refrain

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D 1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,
 2 Take my hand and be at peace;
 3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.
 the spir - it of our love I send.
 that lone - li - ness is at an end.

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into several systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece includes a refrain and a three-part verse. The first system starts with the word 'Refrain' and the chord D. The second system continues the refrain. The third system begins the verse with the chord Bm. The fourth system continues the verse. The fifth system concludes the verse with the chord D. The sixth system begins the final line of the song with the chord F#m.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Irr. with refrain
 Ray Repp, 1967
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Diptych, part 2: Paean

Brenda Portman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

The prelude/postlude, *Diptych for organ*, is a winning composition in the Concert Work category of the American Guild of Organists' 2025 Woman Composer Sunday Organ Composition Competition. The AGO hosts a composition competition every year for women composers. Last year featured organ music; other years feature hymns, anthems, etc., and the winning pieces are made available to AGO members. I had intended to play this piece in March, but, well, blizzards.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & APRIL

The Outreach mission focus for March and April is organizations supporting childhood hunger and 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 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

Commitment Sunday – We will ceremonially deliver our commitments during the worship service. You can also fill these out electronically.

Journeys Bible Study – Our meeting is an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. You can pick up a curriculum in the library. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

Forum – Then and Now: 60 Years at UBC – In 1967, the Follett family joined UBC. U of M journalism alumni Don and his wife Char (1932–2021) became active members, along with daughters Chris and Catherine, contributing to congregational life in countless ways. As a professional writer, editor, and storyteller, Don has held many roles, from Sunday school teacher and newsletter editor to (currently) board member of the UBC Foundation. Do you have a question for Don? Join us to hear Don's reflections on UBC and Minneapolis "then and now."

The Blessing of the Books—Doug Donley has begun the process of cleaning out his office. 40+ years of accumulated books need a new home. Doug has filled the pew in the hallway between the sanctuary and the lounge with books that he wants to give away. If you find one or twenty that you would like, please take them. Doug will be putting a new set of books on that pew every two weeks. If you want to make a donation to the church for these books, that's fine, but you don't need to. We want them to find a new home and bless someone else. It's kind of a resurrection.

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!

Memoir Writing Group – April 14 & 28 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include UBC stories to be included in the 175th anniversary booklet and High School memories – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

Choir & Carillon Bells Rehearsals – Chorale rehearsal 6pm, Carillon Bells rehearsal 7:30pm, both in the sanctuary.

THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings! UBC is part of the THRIVE grant-supported racial-justice cohort in the Alliance of Baptists. The spring gathering this year will be this week in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois—THRIVE April 14–16, and the Alliance April 16–19. Pastor Doug, Denise Roy, and Gayla Marty will attend, and others are invited to attend in person or online to be part of this important work. For more information: <https://allianceofbaptists.org/ag26> and <https://allianceofbaptists.org/thrive/> and talk to Pastor

Doug or Denise Roy. There are funds available to offset some of the costs, so don't let cost be a barrier.

Saturday morning Bible study – April 18, 9am (1st & 3rd Saturday) on Zoom, resuming study of Luke. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ehr at dianeehr82@gmail.com.

Looking ahead

April 19 Forum: Spanish Class Goes to Spain – Deidre Druk will talk about her travels in Spain in March. Members of her Spanish class visited five cities, experiencing and learning about Spanish culture and history. Their teacher takes classes to a Spanish-speaking country every spring (and Mexico every fall or winter). “Spain is dear to her heart because she was an exchange student in the magical city of Segovia!” says Deidre. During this trip, the class got to share in their teacher's visit with her “Spanish dad,” with whom she lived during her college years, as well as her college professor.

Spring Joint Bell Concerts – April 19, 3pm at University Baptist Church, and April 26, 3pm at The Grove United Methodist Church (Historic Chapel, Woodbury). The UBC Carillon Choir and the Grove United Methodist Church Steeple Bells, joined by vocalists from UBC, First Congregational, and Grove UMC, will be presenting two big concerts in April as fundraisers for next year's bell concert tour to Finland, Estonia, and Latvia. Please come, bring friends and family, support the bell choirs, and enjoy great music!

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – April 20 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Ruth Lemire'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 at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, April 21, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome! We will prepare for the May 3 forum on the THRIVE retreat and Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering.

Spanish Conversation – Saturday, April 25, (4th Saturday), 10am at HarMar Barnes & Noble. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Contact Deidre at deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions.

April 26 Forum - Singing Resistance Forum – Leaders of the Singing Resistance will share stories and songs from the movement. Here's the thing, if you learn the songs, you can be a leader, too.

Sound Mind Project's Spring Concert: Find Peace – May 2, 7pm at First Lutheran Church (1555 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights). Join us to support this choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community. The concert is a benefit for CLUES, one of UBC's longtime mission partners. As a bonus, the song "Find Peace" in the title of the program was written by Kim Donley after one of the many school shootings a few years back.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – May 6 (1st Wednesday), 11am at First Congregational Church. 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 – May 7 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. Contact Chris Follett if you have questions.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – May 9 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *Godpretty in the Tobacco Field* by Kim Michelle Richardson. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

May 10 Forum – We will update folks on the Rooted Good team's ideas for a social enterprise or other uses of our building, updates on the Historic Register process, and updates on building projects and potential financial solutions.

May 17 Congregational Meeting – We will vote whether to remain in the building for (at least) 5 more years while the social enterprise ideas have a chance to occur, while the Historic Register process finishes, and

while we transition to a new permanent pastor.

Card Club – Saturday, May 23, 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.

Pastor Doug Farewell – Saturday, May 30, 5pm including potluck and program.

Pastor Doug’s Final Sunday Farewell – May 31, coffee time with cake buffet. See Chris Follett if you want to contribute your favorite homemade cake.

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.

Community and ICE Out Resources – If you are looking for ways to support the Minneapolis community during this time of upheaval, there are so many groups out there supplying food, rental assistance, protest support, and more. Here are some you might want to consider:

- Affected community members are struggling to pay rent especially now. Please consider donating to these funds:
 - Phillips: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-phillips-families-in-urgent-need>
 - Longfellow: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Greater-Longfellow-Relief-Fund>
- Stand with Minnesota (standwithminnesota.com) a great hub to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, (everymeal.org) a group we have supported for years, is offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the weekend deliveries.
- CLUES (clues.org) which has many programs that support immigrants.

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 youngest kids, while Peter and Andrew have their own Sunday school time with Megan. Circle Time for the youngest kids typically would involve a song (to gather the children), a brief story, a song or two related to the story and a prayer. Megan has loads of suggestions for these mini lessons. Contact Megan at Dahlberg.megan4@gmail.com or text 651-491-9698.

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 mariclafrance46@gmail.com.

Every Meal – Second Friday, 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