

January 25, 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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Epiphany 4

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

When In Deepest Need

Pachelbel

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: Jesus, you proclaimed that the time is fulfilled, yet here we are.

Many: We cannot believe what is happening. Innocents thrown to the ground, kneeled in the face, because they are “foreign” looking. Whatever that means.

One: Jesus, you told us that the God’s Kingdom is near. If so, is this it?!

Many: We blow whistles, they carry guns.

One: Perhaps it is because we have not truly repented. Are we being sent into exile?

Many: Is this our Babylon?

One: God, help us to believe, help us to hope.

Many: Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage.

All: For the living of these days. Amen!

(*Stand as you are willing and able)

*OPENING HYMN
Blue #352

God of the Ancients, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN



Trumpets, before each stanza (optional)

1 God of the an - cients, whose almighty hand
 2 Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past;
 3 From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-lence,
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 Be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 Lead us from night to nev - er end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
 Be thou our coun - sel guard-ian, friend and stay,
 Thy true com - pass - ion in our hearts in-crease;
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine,



Our grate-ful songs in-to thy presence rise.
 Thy word our guide, thy paths our cho-sen way.
 Thy boun-teous good-ness nour-ish us in peace.
 And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev-er thine. A-men.



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!

PRAYING TOGETHER

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.*

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-15

Rev. Doug Donley

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

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CWM Rhondda

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war-ring mad-ness; Bend our pride to
4 Set our feet on loft - y pla-ces; Gird our lives that
5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils
pour thy power; Crown thy an- cient church's sto - ry; Bring its bud to
sail God's ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to
thy con-trol; Shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness, Rich in things and
they may be Arm-ored with all Christ-like graces In the jour-ney
we de-plore; Let the search for thy sal-va-tion Be our glo - ry
glo-rious flower. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour - age,
faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour - age,
poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour - age,
to be free. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour - age,
ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour - age,
For the fac-ing of this hour, For the fac-ing of this hour.
For the liv-ing of these days, For the liv-ing of these days.
Lest we miss thy pro-mised goal, Lest we miss thy pro-mised goal.
Ears to hear and eyes to see, Ears to hear and eyes to see.
Serv-ing thee whom we a-dore, Serv-ing thee whom we a-dore. A - men.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Unto Me

Text and music by Atie Bernet

Come unto me when you're tired of carrying too heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and humble, and you shall find rest unto your souls.

*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 Blue #2

O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above

LYONS

O WORSHIP OUR GOD, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE

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Lyons

1 O wor - ship our God, all glo - rious a bove,
 2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's po - wet and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 In thee do we trust, nor find.. thee to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 With char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der clouds formed,
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 And dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 And sweet - ly dis - till in the dew and the rain.
 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend! A-men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Manz

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Our outreach mission focus for January and February is for ministries within the ABCUSA that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget. This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your help in supporting these important national ministries.

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

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.

January 25 - Love: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Forum: Mid-year budget review. This is our time to check on how our budget is faring and provide feedback on any adjustments that may be needed. Treasurer Denise Roy will facilitate.

UBC Merch & Gifts - UBC has a new calendar featuring 12 months of UBC corner signs. They are available for \$20 each. **Represent UBC with T-shirts** for sale. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

For those of you looking for **resources for groups helping our immigrant neighbors**, this website lists many ways to help:

<https://mspmag.com/arts-and-culture/general-interest/ice-minnesota-support-immigrant-communities-fundraisers-food-drives-trainings/>

In addition, you might want to support CLUES which has many programs that support immigrants. (clues.org)

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!

Saint Joan of Arc & ISAIAH Caucus & Action Training – Get grounded and equipped to caucus and invite others to caucus on February 3rd in support of the "People's Agenda: Dignity & Affordability for All", and to participate in other upcoming public actions in support of dignity & affordability for all. In the LINK below, a form will open up and ask for your email, name and phone number.

Here are the dates:

Tuesday, Jan 27, 1:30 - 3:30 pm Parish Center at Saint Joan of Arc

Thursday, Jan 29, 1:30 - 3:30 pm Parish Center at Saint Joan of Arc

Thursday, Jan 29, 6:30-8:30 pm - Zoom

Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewHdPaNZf_kQyHOjxCYwjXnYKw68yVdcL4II69NvbSYFVxww/viewform

Looking ahead

Memoir Writing Group – February 3 & 17 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Firsts, and Who is your ideal reader (as opposed to your inner critic)? – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

UBC–FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – February 4 (1st Wednesday), 11am at Marilyn Burns's home. 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 – February 5 (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.

Saturday morning Bible study – February 7 & 21, 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.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, February 10, 7pm on Zoom. Join us as we plan upcoming activities. All are welcome!

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – February 14 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Night Songs, February 15, 7 pm at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Avenue SE. An evening of music and poetry featuring the choirs of University Lutheran Church of Hope, First Congregational, University Baptist, and Vocal U. The sanctuary will have the night sky projected onto the rafters. Sit in the pews or bring pillows/blankets and lay on the floor to take in the view. This is a beautiful way to embrace winter for this family-friendly event. All are welcome. The event is free but RSVP is required at <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com> A free-will collection will be taken in support of the Nutritious U Food Pantry and music programming at ULCH. Parking will be tight – car-pool, if you are able. If the event sells out, tickets not claimed by 6:45 p.m. may be offered to a day-of “rush” line.

UBC–FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – February 16 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Chris Follett'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.

Card Club – Saturday, February 21, 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.

Roots Cellar Concert: RJ Cowdery, Katie Dahl, and Hope Dunbar – Sunday, February 22, 7pm for \$20. RJ Cowdery (Ohio), Katie Dahl (Wisconsin), and Hope Dunbar (New Jersey) may be from three different states, but they all share a knack for razor-sharp lyrics, wicked humor, compelling vocals, and unflinching truth-telling. All alumni of the prestigious Kerrville New Folk competition, Cowdery, Dahl, and Dunbar each tour the country individually, but are teaming up for this powerhouse triple bill. Don't miss this chance to see three of the country's most respected songwriters, swapping songs with one another in an in-the-round format. Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/cowderydahldunbar>

Next up:

Root River Jam – Saturday, March 14 at 7pm for \$20

Root River Jam combines elements of Americana, country, rock and blues genres. Performing music with the spark of creativity and individuality from each musician, they produce songs and sounds that draw you in to their eclectic style! Tickets and more info here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/rootriverjam>

Crys Matthews – Saturday, April 11 at 7pm for \$20

“A passionate and powerful blend of infectious Americana melodies and folky instrumentation, Matthews delivers her honest songwriting through a beautifully raw and unfiltered lens. Oozing soul,

her voice bleeds with emotion and gratitude, while simple piano melodies and upbeat percussion fill you with appreciation and love for the people around us who fight for change.” — [Ear Milk](#). Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/crysmatthews>

Spanish Conversation – Saturday, February 28, 10am at HarMar Barnes & Noble. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Coffee and pastry will be provided! Contact Deidre at deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions.

THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings! UBC is part of the THRIVE grant racial justice cohort in the Alliance of Baptists. The spring gathering this year will be in Evanston, Illinois—THRIVE April 14–16, and the Alliance April 16–19. Pastor Doug 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.

Reminders

We want your stories! – Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Do you remember your first Sunday? What is/was different about worship here? Do you have a baptism story to share? 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. The 175th Anniversary Committee/Chris Follett will compile your stories into a booklet. 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! Send it to us at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.

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.

Newsletter Deadline is January 25th.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Sacred Harp singers are collecting items that might be needed for trans refugees coming to Minnesota. If you know of people who need any of these items, please let me know. There will be a donation box in the UBC singing room 303 from Tuesday 1/13 through Tuesday 1/20. Please consider donating your unneeded winter hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, boots, coats, and blankets to recently arrived trans refugees from southern states.

A recent survey found that 9% of trans Americans have moved to another state since November of 2024. That translates into ~400,000 people, not including additional family members. The Twin Cities area is receiving a substantial share of these folks. Some have never experienced winter weather, and many must move on a shoestring or are arriving with only the possessions they could fit in their car. Your donation will convey a tangible message of welcome and comfort to an overwhelmed individual, couple, or family, as well as meeting the practical needs of our new neighbors.

If you prefer to make a donation online, here is a link to an Amazon wish list of items needed by the local mutual aid group, which puts together care packages of essentials for new arrivals:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WGVXG56XQUSP?ref_=wl_share

Childcare volunteers needed – We have our second all-day **workday on Saturday, February 7**, for which we need childcare from 9am to 4pm.

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. 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 marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Every Meal – Thursday, February 12 (usually the 2nd Friday), 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu