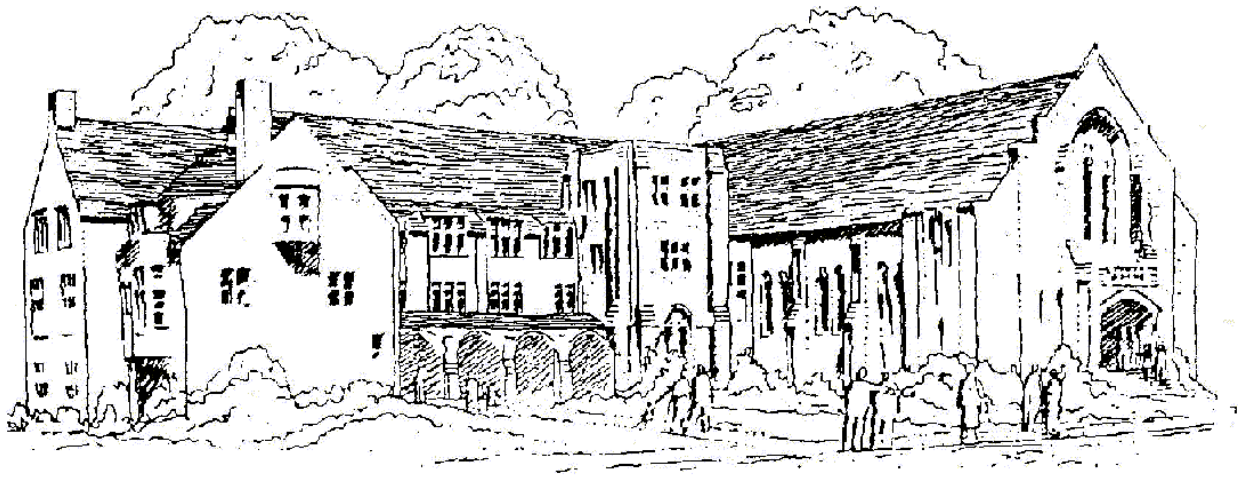


*May 17, 2026*



## UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

*Rooted in Justice, Working for Peace*



All the People, Ministers  
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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

May 17, 2026

Easter 7

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Fantasia in 4 parts*

Orlando Gibbons

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:** In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...

**Many:** come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

**One:** In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed...

**Many:** come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

**One:** In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war...

**Many:** come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

**One:** In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...

**Many:** come worship a God who gives life meaning.

**All:** Let us come together and worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

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

—Taken from *Sacraments and Seasons:  
Peacemaking Through Worship from Presbyterian Peacemaking Program*

\*OPENING HYMN  
Blue Hymnal #360

*Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

# Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing 360

James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING P.M.  
J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had  
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning  
died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry  
way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
light: Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought  
 We have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be -  
 tered, Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at  
 thee; Shad-owed be - neath thy hand May we for - ev - er

gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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!

¡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

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

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

*Welcome, children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;  
 Jesus now enfolds you, welcome, children, welcome!*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

## ATTENDING TO THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 16:18-20

Rev. Doug Donley

\*HYMN Insert

*Onward Justice Seekers*

ST. GERTRUDE

# Onward Justice Seekers

Kimberly Donley

Arthur Sullivan 1871

use ties when there are no added lyrics

1. On - ward just - ice seek - ers, keep - ing hope a -  
2. On - ward just - ice seek - ers, march - ing with our  
3. On - ward just - ice seek - ers, be - liev - ing we are

4

live, Be - liev - ing in a world where ev - ry - one can  
friends, In the streets we gath - er to pro - test and de -  
called to fo - low the dir - ect - ives to love and nur - ture

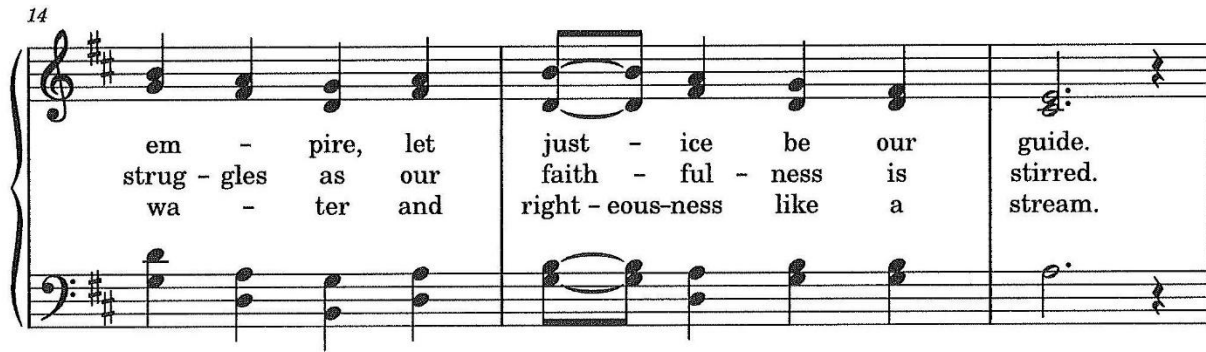
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thrive. Stand up for the mar - gin - al - ized,  
fend. Look - ing at our neigh - bors,  
all! Hop - ing for a bet - ter world, we

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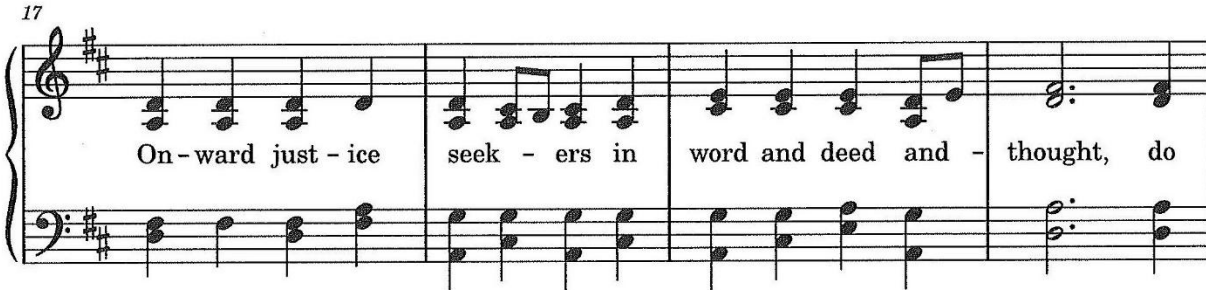
walk - ing by their side. Speak - ing truth to  
what they have en - dured, We join in their  
pray for it and dream. Let just - ice flow like

14



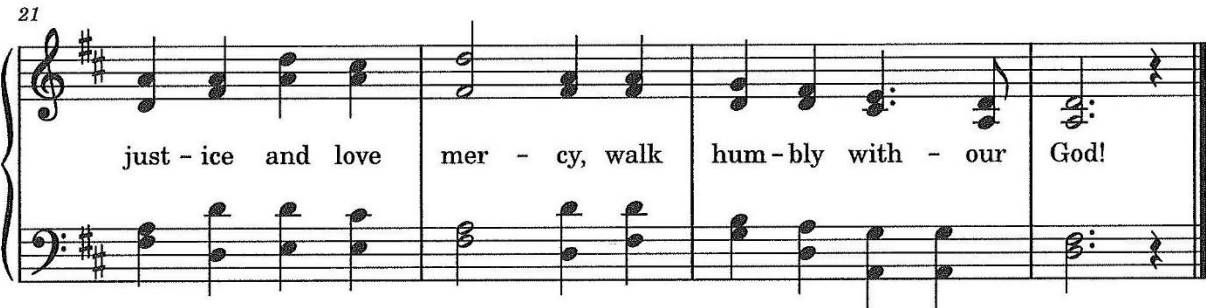
em - pire, let just - ice be our guide.  
strug - gles as our faith - ful - ness is stirred.  
wa - ter and right - eous-ness like a stream.

17



On - ward just - ice seek - ers in word and deed and - thought, do

21



just - ice and love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with - our God!

1871, 2025

## GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

### OFFERING



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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM.

*We Shall Overcome*

Arr. By Kim Donley

### \*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

### A GRADUATION COMMISSIONING

\*CLOSING HYMN  
Black Hymnal #472

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

472

*Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.*

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al - most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
 At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

*Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.*

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain  
 Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Jubilate*

Roy Douglas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

*A Note About the hymn, Onward Justice Seekers:*

A few years ago, Doug and I lamented that the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was so militaristic and aggressive. It certainly did not align with the mission and values of UBC or the BPFNA. But the music was nice, and it seemed a shame never to hear the hymn tune again. It was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame), who composed more than Operettas in his lifetime. So, I sat down and began writing alternative lyrics focused on justice. The poetry sat in my computer files until the Blue Hymnal Upgrade task force issued a call for potential new hymns to be included. I set the words to the music and sent it off for consideration. I hope these lyrics resonate with you as you sing them. — Kim Donley

For the prelude and postlude, I thought I'd take from two ends of the British tradition. Since so many of you liked the harpsichord a few weeks ago, I thought to do this Fantasie by Gibbons. It's from the same era as the anthem we sang by Byrd two weeks ago. It's really a keyboard version of what at that time was a form of composition for viol quartet--essentially the predecessor of the string quartet, British style. "Fantasy" doesn't mean "fantastic," but, rather, is a form that is really a mini-suite in that it has several sections, each of which has its own theme that is treated contrapuntally.

"Jubilate" — well, congratulations, graduates! — DL

### **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](http://www.UBCmn.org). Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Forum: Congregational meeting for a vote** – In this forum, a congregational meeting will be held for a vote whether to remain in the building for at least five years while social enterprise ideas have a chance to occur, the process for National Register of Historic Places concludes, and a new settled pastor is called and begins ministry with us.

**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. This is the last week for the Donley Book Fair. 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!

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

**UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group** (formerly Knitting Group) – May 18 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hobbie'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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**UBC Racial Justice Team** (formerly Anti Racism Work) – Tuesday, May 19, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

**UBC/FCC Spanish Discussion** – Saturday, May 23 from 10am-noon at the HarMar Barnes and Noble.

**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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com) or 651-295-7525.

**Spanish Conversation** – We hope you will join at Barnes & Noble in Roseville HarMar Mall on Saturday, May 23 from 10 to 11:30 am!! This is a special gathering as it is the last time Doug will be with us! Come and celebrate his retirement! Learn how to say it in Spanish! Coffee and snacks can be purchased at the on-site coffee shop!! Any questions, contact me at [deidredruk@aol.com](mailto:deidredruk@aol.com) or in the Spanish Conversation Whatsapp.

**No Forum May 24** – Memorial Day weekend, extended coffee hour.

### **Looking ahead**

**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](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu)

**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.

**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. Contact Chris Follett if you have questions.

**Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group** – June 13 (2nd Saturday), 2pm. The book is *The Perfumist of Paris* by Alka Joshi. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com)

### 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](mailto: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

**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](mailto: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 [marielafrence46@gmail.com](mailto:marielafrence46@gmail.com).

### 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 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!*