

February 15, 2026



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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University Baptist Church

February 15, 2026

Epiphany 7/Transfiguration

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

Marques L.A. Garrett

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: We celebrate the promise of the drawdown of troops in our city.

Many: **And yet we also have learned to trust our eyes more than the words of pundits.**

One: What do you see?

Many: **Our neighbors kidnapped, our kinfolk vilified, our students cowering in fear.**

One: Is that all that you see?

Many: **We see community patrols, spontaneous solidarity, committed singers.**

One: We see you.

Many: **We see your shimmering light, your dazzling beauty, your incredible courage.**

All: **Our community is being transformed, transfigured before our eyes. May we continue to be receptive to the Spirit's blessed surprises.**

(*Stand as you are willing and able)

*OPENING HYMN
Black Hymnal #44

Beautiful Jesus

SCHONSTER HERR JESU

Beautiful Jesus

44

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
4 All earth-ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
fade when com-pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - joice and bloom.
Je - sus shines clear - er, in per-fect beau-ty, love, and grace.
beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love-ly good em - brace.



This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
Silesian folk melody
Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850

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)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.

Espíritu Eterno, Creador de la Tierra, Portador del Dolor, Dador de Vida,
Fuente de todo lo que es y será,
Padre y Madre de todos nosotros,
Dios amoroso, en quien está el cielo:
¡Que la santificación de tu nombre resuene por el universo!
¡Que los pueblos del mundo sigan el camino de tu justicia!
¡Que todos los seres creados se hagan tu voluntad celestial!
Tu comunidad de paz y libertad sustenta nuestra esperanza y ven a la tierra.
Con el pan que necesitamos hoy, aliméntanos.
En las heridas que absorbemos unos de otros, perdónanos.
En tiempos de tentación y prueba, fortalécenos.
De pruebas demasiado grandes para soportar, líbranos.
De las garras de todo mal, líbranos.
Porque reinas en la gloria del poder que es amor, ahora y 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

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Jane McBride

SPECIAL MUSIC

Transfigure Me

Christopher Grundy

*The soloists will introduce the refrain, then the congregation sings the refrain.
The soloists will sing the verse, then the congregation sings the refrain twice.*



Trans-fig-ure me so that I might be more like Je-sus, more like Je-sus; trans-fig-ure me so that I might be more like Je-sus, Je-sus my light.

SERMON

“Love Transfigures Us”

Rev. Jane McBride

*HYMN
Black Hymnal #238

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOEL NOUVELET

Now the Green Blade Rises

238

John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.

Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;
 2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;
 Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,
 Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
 Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.
 French noel, 15th century
 Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Homeland

Grace Coberly

Dear lover, dear friend, see how gentle the night that warms us from the cold. When we met, I could swear I had known you before in a lifetime gentler still. This is our homeland, our haven in the woods — familiar shadows, a sky we call our own. And surely someday, we all will meet again. In music, we'll never be alone. If the night falls too fast, I will seek out the sun and paint it in the sky. If the monsters return, I will drive them away to keep you safe with me. I will love you until the time I leave you. But even though the distance grows, we will never be apart. This is our homeland, our haven in the woods — familiar shadows, a sky we call our own. And surely someday, we all will meet again. When we're centuries old and our voices are gone, we will all come home.

*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

Black Hymnal #474

I'm So Glad

I'M SO GLAD

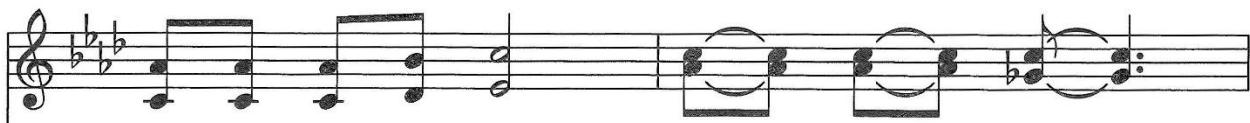
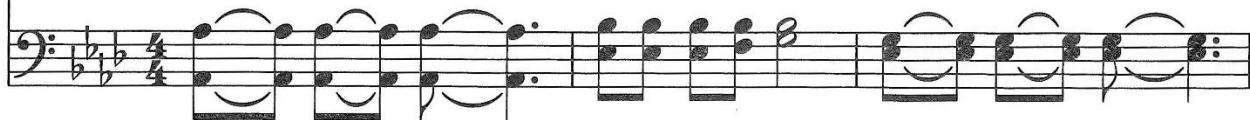
I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

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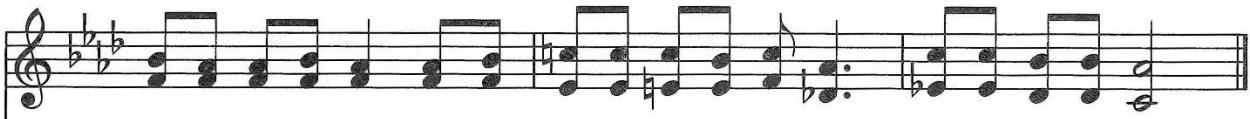
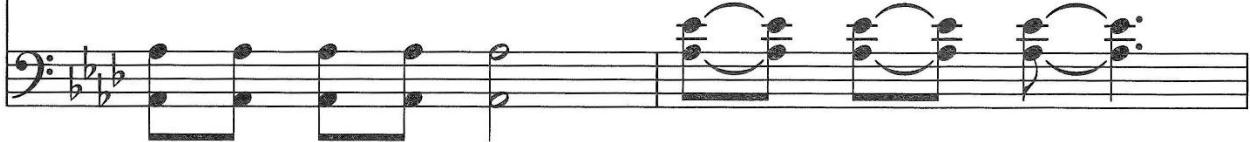
African-American spiritual



1 I'm so glad, Je-sus lift-ed me,
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
3 When I was in trou - ble, Je-sus lift-ed me,



Je - sus lift - ed me, I'm so glad,
Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,
Je - sus lift - ed me, when I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Je-sus lift-ed me.



Just as the spirituals were adapted to be sung in a folk-song style during the 1960s music festivals and civil rights marches, so have they been adapted in a gospel style. This is a spiritual that especially lends itself to gospel rendering.

Tune: I'M SO GLAD Irr.
African-American spiritual

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue, from Partita on Detroit

David Hurd

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A new, second set of colors in the sanctuary this month are made with Tanzanian kanga cloths. The fabric for the eight flags, pulpit, and altar cloths was a gift to Jean Lubke from Elizabeth Moriera, director of Project Minnesota Leon, whose sister served as a Lutheran missionary in Tanzania. Kanga cloths contain a Swahili proverb. This set's phrase is "Pokea zawadi Mama upate kunienzi," meaning "Receive this gift, Mother, so you can honor me." The altar cloth also contains fabric from the first set of flags introduced this past summer.

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

Grace Coberly notes that Homeland "is, first and foremost, a love letter. It can be happy or sad; it can unite a group of loved ones or serve as a heartfelt goodbye to a familiar place." However, especially now, it is much more than that, as you can see by the lyrics and as you hear the music.

This week continues our exploration of organ music by Black composers.

A Virginia native, Marques L. A. Garrett (he/him, b.1984) is Associate Professor of Choral Studies at the University of North Texas, and is best known for his work as a conductor, a researcher into choral music by Black composers, and as a composer, especially of choral music.

David Hurd (b.1950) is a distinguished African American composer and recitalist who was professor of church music at the General Theological Seminary, New York City for nearly 40 years. His church music, especially, is widely performed, and he received the Distinguished Composer recognition of the American Guild of Organists in 2010.

"Detroit" is an old American hymn, first published in the 1820 version of the Kentucky harmony. It is set to many different texts, including "Do I not love thee, O my God" and "forgive our sins as we forgive."

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.

Today's Forum – All About First Congregational Church of Minnesota. On this Sunday of joint services with our long-time friends, it will be their turn for an “all about you.” This year FCC marks its 175th anniversary, one year after UBC’s, so our ties go way back. Learn about Congregationalists and what makes First Church unique.

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:

- Stand with Minnesota (standwithminnesota.com) a great hub for ways to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, (everymeal.org) is a group we have supported for years, is now offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the extra weekend food deliveries.
- CLUES (clues.org) which has many programs that support immigrants.

Represent UBC with T-shirts, calendars and bumper stickers. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

Night Songs – Tonight, 7pm at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Avenue SE.

Enjoy 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 lie on the floor and take in the view. This family-friendly event is a beautiful way to embrace winter. All are welcome. The event is free but RSVP is required at <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com> A freewill collection will be taken in support of the Nutritious U Food Pantry and music programming at ULCH. Parking will be tight – ride-share, 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.

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!

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 chrisf282@yahoo.com.

Memoir Writing Group – February 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.

Saturday morning Bible study – February 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.

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>

Looking ahead

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.

UBC–FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – March 4 (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 – March 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.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – March 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

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, March 24, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

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.

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 marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Every Meal – Friday, February 27, 11:15am-1pm (usually the 2nd Friday) 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

FCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Worship. We'll gather in-person and on Zoom for a contemplative worship service on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Theatre at First Church: The Happiest Man on Earth. After worship on February 22, we will share lunch, then welcome artists from Six Points Theater for a noon performance of "The Happiest Man on Earth." This is a solo show based Eddie Jaku's bestselling Holocaust memoir which promises to "inspire you to face life's darkest moments with courage, choose love over despair, and share your joy with those you love most." Six Points Theater produces work rooted in Jewish content that explores differences, illuminates commonalities, and fosters greater understanding among all people. A freewill donation will be accepted (no advance registration is required).



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