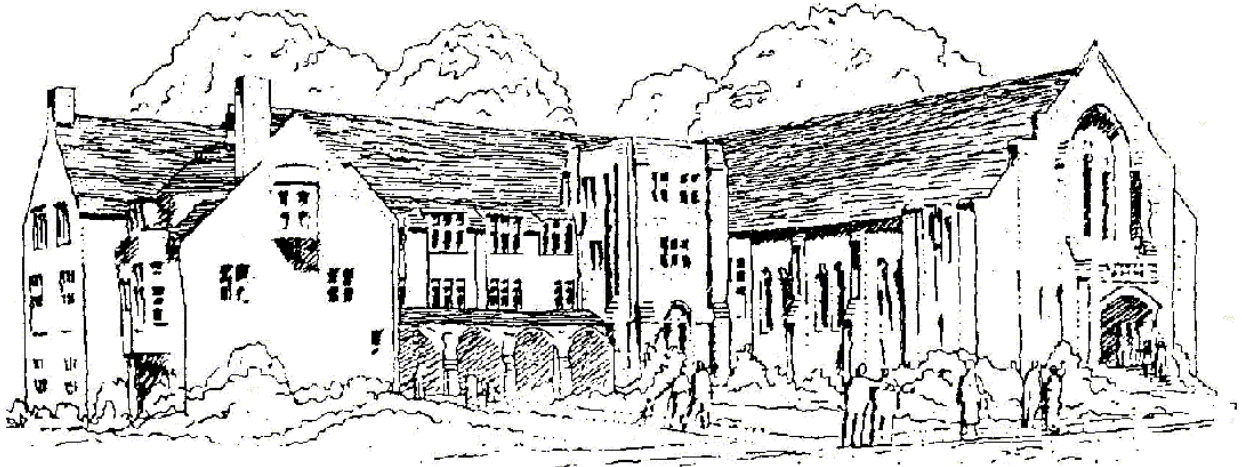


September 6, 2026



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.

Let us acknowledge the land beneath our building that is home and community and life, that is the sacred homeland of the Dakota people. Together let us acknowledge the displacement that occurred, and let us ask the Spirit of God to guide us as we work to repair the harm it has caused and to create a future of greater justice.

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University Baptist Church

September 6, 2026

Feast of Creation

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringling of the Hour

Welcome!

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

PRELUDE

Basse de Trompette

De Grigny

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grounded in Psalm 148 (NRSVue)

One: Praise God from the heavens. Let the sun, moon, and shining stars declare the wonder of the Holy One.

Many: We join the cosmos in praise to our creator.

One: Praise God from the Earth. Let all creatures big and small sing a song of God's goodness. See the mountains and hills, cedars and fruit trees? All reflect the beauty of the Holy One.

Many: We join the planet in praise to our creator.

One: Praise God, all peoples of the world. Young and old, make a joyful noise.

Many: Hallelujah!

All: To the One who spoke, and it was. In you we have our being. Praise to our Creator, Hallelujah!

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

*OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

NC #28

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

*Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to join in the children's time during the singing of "Santo, santo, santo."
After this time, they can exit to the left for children's Sunday school or return to sit with their adults.*

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1 & 2; John 1:1-5

Page 1 and 90 in your pew Bible

SERMON

"The Light Shines..."

Rev. Cody J. Sanders

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN
NC #563

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

ENDLESS SONG

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

John 10:10

Ruth Duck, 1984; rev. 1989

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

An Ecological Lord's Prayer by Cláudio Carvalhaes

Our God who are in pluriverses, the skies and the earth,

Blessed be your name: life. May your pulsing life come to be seen, heard, touched and felt through the oceans, the forests, in the rocks, in the life of plants and in the sounds of animals and singing birds.

May the atmosphere of the sky that carries our ability to breathe continue balanced as fossil presences are kept under the earth.

Give us this day our daily bread through a variety of seeds and grains and leaves without pesticides, without monocultures, from local farms and agro-biodiverse-cultures.

Forgive our plundering of the earth, our total lack of relation and reciprocity with the earth and more than human beings; as cells, mycelium, fungi and infinite processes of symbiosis forgive us daily by giving life back when we destroy it.

And lead us not into consumerism and the devouring the earth, but deliver us from the apathy that says nothing can be changed.

For life is kinship, relationally and reciprocity. Now and forever. Amen.

GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING



We welcome your financial support of the mission and ministry of University Baptist Church. You can give conveniently on our webpage www.ubcmn.org or, if you want to avoid processing fees, you can mail a check to University Baptist Church - 1219 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. You can also set up a direct payment from your bank (it's free). Or you can put your offering (marked in an envelope or on your check) in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. See below for mission offerings.

OFFERTORY

Meditatio

Rob Peters

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

COMMEMORATING COMMUNION

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to partake in this symbolic meal. Please come forward down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. All juice is non-alcoholic, and the crackers are gluten-free. If you are not able to come forward but would like to receive communion, please raise your hand and communion will be served to you where you sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude on Beatitude

Theodore Beck

*CLOSING HYMN
NC #569

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

Touch the Earth Lightly

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

Unison
Brightly

7 7 7

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 * 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

*The second verse only may be sung in A minor, omitting the sharps except where indicated in parentheses.

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

Gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 We who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 Health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will - bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Shirley Erena Murray's notes on this hymn state that the title line is borrowed from an Australian Aboriginal saying. The "clouds of disaster" mentioned in stanza 2 refer to nuclear testing by France, which New Zealand has protested at the United Nations many times.

Tune: TENDERNESS 5.5.10.D.
 Colin Gibson, 1992

*If this is your first time at UBC, know that we value holding one another in prayer.
Please feel free to join in the line to share with the congregation the prayers that are on your heart, or pray alongside us
in the pew.*

*However, as the announcements and communal prayer time can sometimes be lengthy,
please know that you will not cause a disturbance if you need to slip out after the postlude.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements are invited from the congregation. Please line up beside the pulpit.

JOYS AND CONCERNS *(These will not be livestreamed.)*

Please state your prayers briefly to God so that the congregation can pray with you.
As God knows all the particulars of the situation, you do not need to share every detail with the
congregation.

Simply state the prayers of your heart, ending with, **“This is my prayer to God.”**
The congregation responds, **“God, hear our prayer.”**

***Please join in a time of coffee and refreshments down the hall to your left after the service!
If you need a ramp, you'll find one on the right side of the sanctuary beside the pulpit, or
you can exit by the front door and take the elevator, which is accessible outside under the
portico.***

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

Last week I played one of the earlier voluntaries, one composed in the 1600s. This week, Peeters' Festival Voluntary, though written some 400 years later, shares some characteristics with the earlier one: though much compressed, it's also a mini-suite, with a succession of different ideas, but using the opening idea at the end of the piece, just as the voluntary by John Blow did, some centuries earlier. The "voluntary" isn't a set form, but rather, has varied over time in its formal characteristics; yet one common thread is the function of the work: to serve as the organist's introduction or close to the service. I hope you enjoyed this brief tour through representative pieces in this form. -David

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER

The Outreach mission focus for September and October will support several important ministries in our community and congregation. In tandem with our Give to the Max goals (more to come on this soon!), we will be contributing toward the Solidarity Circle, which supports and accompanies refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants in our community. We will also contribute toward the Discipleship Project (that started on August 27th) along with continuing to assist with travel through the Tai Shigaki Travel Fund. Thank you for any assistance you can provide in supporting these important ministries and helping us extend our care and welcome to others. 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 support of outreach!

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info

UBC's Interim Pastor can be contacted by email at interim@ubcmn.org.

Our new rental/office manager, Harper, is updating their hours to better align with active times in the building. They will now work M-F from 1-5pm. You can contact Harper at info@ubcmn.org. Feel free to stop in during their work hours and say hello!

Today

Please join us for refreshments in the lounge down the hall after the service.

This week

Every Meal, September 11, (2nd Friday), 11am-1pm 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.

This Month

Welcome Back Potluck Picnic, Sunday, September 13. Mark your calendars! Bring a dish to share. If you can help with set-up or clean up, please contact Margie Garmers at mgarmers01@gmail.com.

The AWAB Annual Lecture, Friday, September 18, in St. Paul. Dr. William Stell will present "The Power of Queer Religious History." The lecture begins at 6:30pm and will be followed by a reception. Visit awab.org/lecture to learn more and register.

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group), September 21 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Deb Wensman's.

Rummage Sale for Bell Choir Tour

We will have a rummage sale at church to support the UBC Bell Choir 2027 concert tour of Finland and the Baltics. Bring friends and shop! Find great deals on craft supplies, tools, clothing, household items, small furniture, etc.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 9:00-6:00

Friday, Sept. 25, 9:00-6:00

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:00-6:00

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11:00-4:00

Spanish Conversation, September 26, 10am. See Deidre Druk for more details.

Next Month

The Alliance of Baptists is hosting two amazing events in October, both in New Orleans – a THRIVE (for racial justice) Retreat, October 13-15, and the Alliance of Baptists Fall Pilgrimage, October 15-17. If you would like more information or might like to go to one or both, please contact Denise Roy. We especially want to encourage attendance by folks who haven't had a chance to participate in THRIVE or Alliance gatherings. Help with travel costs will be available.

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 – Thursdays, 9am-12pm. **We could use more help!** No experience needed. Guidance is provided. See Betsy Kerr or email her at bjkerr@umn.edu if you have questions.

Musical Opportunities

Bell Choir Open to New Ringers

If you've always wanted to play bells (or wear white gloves and be fashionable), we have openings in the bell choir this year. You don't need to have played bells before, but you do need to know how to read music - either treble or bass scores. We rehearse Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 16 from 7:30-9:00. Childcare is provided. If you are interested, please contact Jean Lubke jeanlubke01@gmail.com

CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

Our first rehearsal is Wed. Sept. 9, 6:00 in the lounge. If you like to sing with others, please join us.

And more!

Creative Individuals Wanted to Share Their Talents at the Holiday Bazaars!

First Congregational has invited UBC to join its traditional Holiday Bazaar before Christmas where individuals can sell their artisan products (knitting, sewing, cards, canning, artwork, etc.). To accommodate both locations and more artisans, we're expanding to include a Sunday at UBC as well as the Sunday at First Congregational to provide more opportunities for shoppers and crafters!

The Bazaar will be at UBC on Sunday, Nov. 29, 11:00-1:00 (with set-up on Sat. 11/28 from 10-12).
The Bazaar will be at First Congregational on Sunday, Dec. 13 (set up Sat. 12/12, time 11:00-1:00).

If you are interested in participating in either or both dates of the Bazaar, please complete this Google form by Oct. 31, indicating:

- Your participation dates
- Size of table needed (3' to 8')
- Type of craft
- Your contact information
- Any special information (different set-up time, need an electrical outlet, etc.)

<https://forms.gle/kx9sEp8b7WepjsBs6>

If you have questions, please let Xan Laurence (xanlaurence@comcast.net) or Jean Lubke (jeanlubke01@gmail.com).

There will be a limited number of tables at each location.

Artisans are asked to donate a portion of their proceeds to a charity of their choice (either of the churches or the bell tour qualify as recipients!).