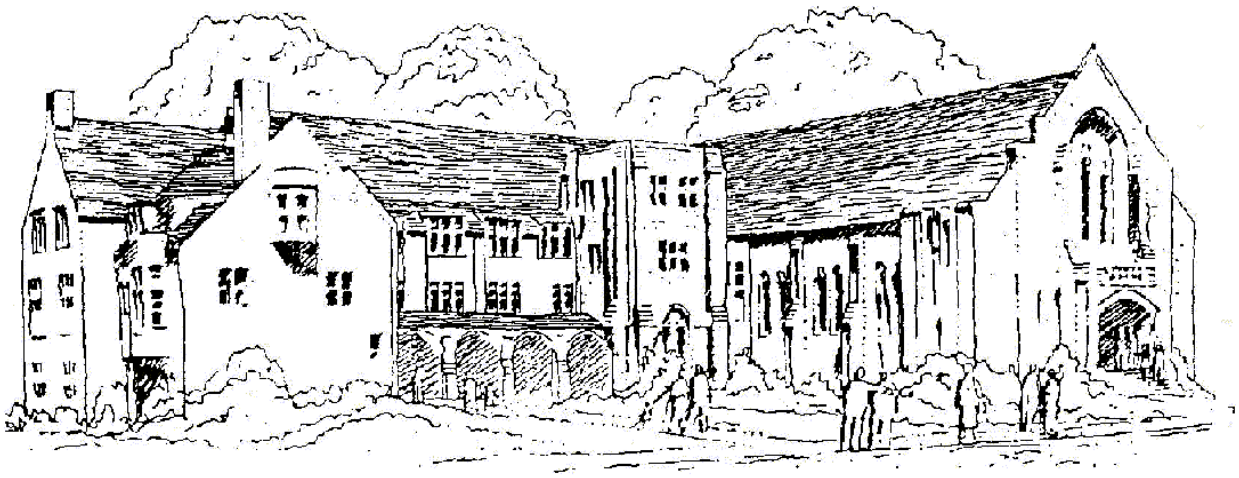
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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

November 15, 2026 ***Pentecost 25*** **10:00 am**

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Ringing 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 ***Jesus, Our Savior, Chorale Prelude*** Parry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
Many: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.
One: Praise be to God who provides for us.
Many: May our hearts be truly grateful.
All: May we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

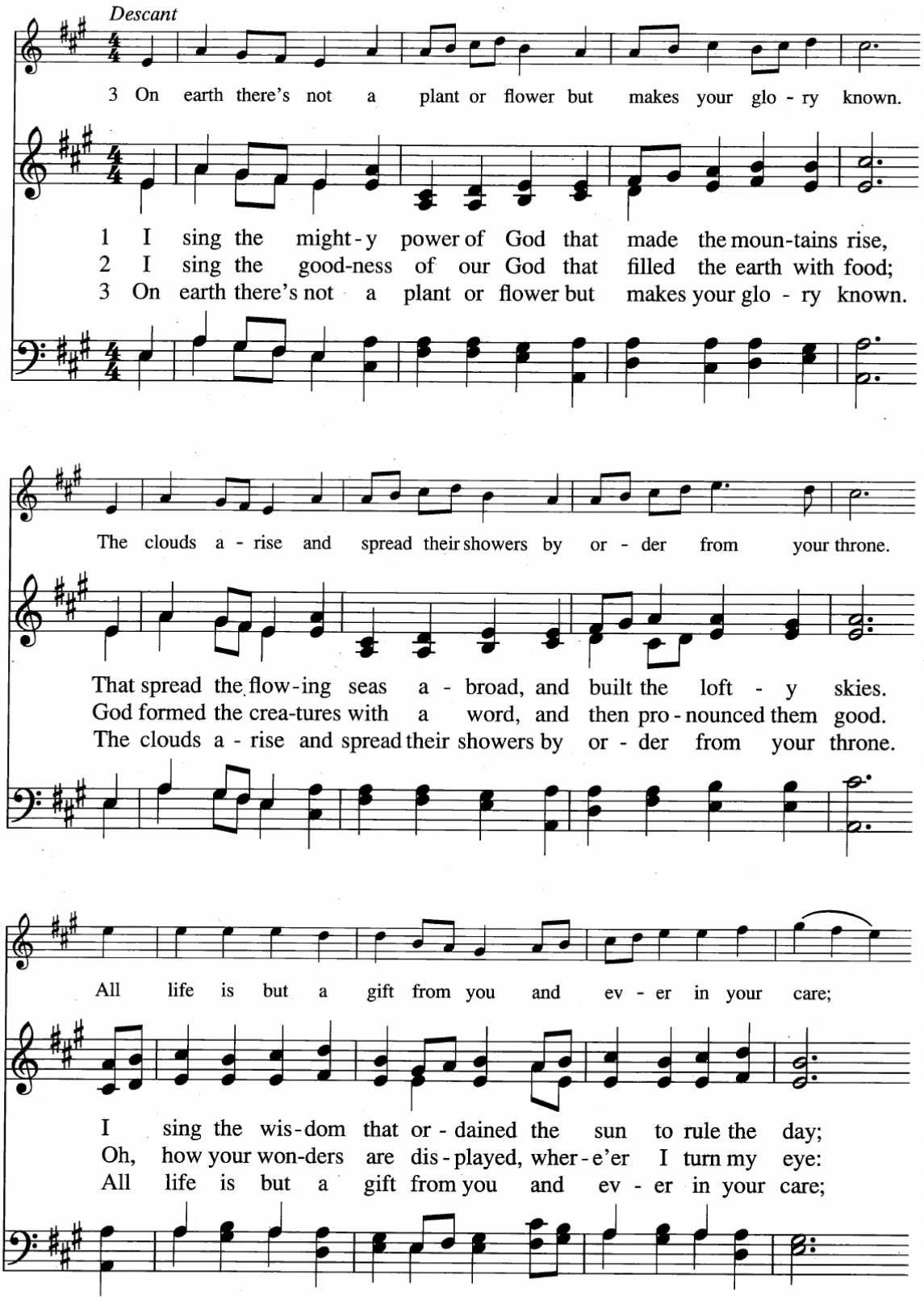
*(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*** ELLACOMBE
New Century #12

12 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ps. 136:5–9; James 1:17

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.



The tune Ellacombe *was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."*

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, *1784*
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, *1993*

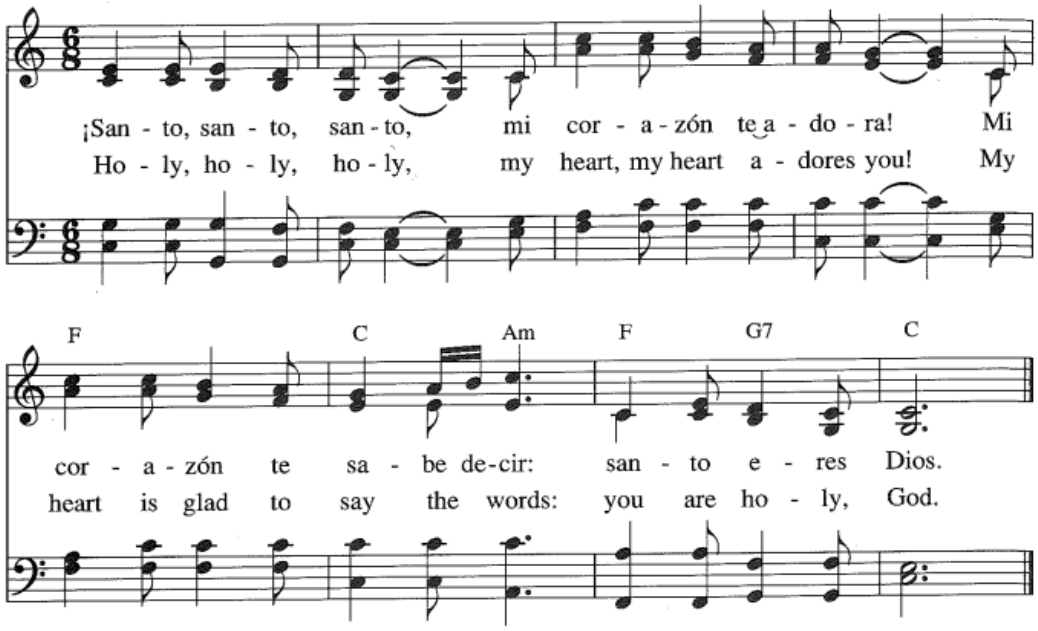
PASSING OF THE PEACE

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!



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.

LITANY FOR WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Will Legg

President:	We are a church that is committed to justice, inclusion, mercy, hope and love. Will you do all in your power to support the church in its mission?
New member:	**I will.**
President:	Will you give of yourself, your time, your presence, your tithes and offerings in the pursuit of healthy and healing ministry?
New member:	**I will.**
President:	I now ask the congregation, will you accept **Will** into the family of University Baptist Church? Will you celebrate with him, challenge him, and open yourself up to the aspects of God that he reveals to us?
Congregation:	**We will, with joy.**
President:	We are now a new community because Will has added their unique flair and flavor to our church family. Let us all reaffirm our mission statement as we covenant to prayerfully and joyfully pursue the ministry to which God has called us.
All:	**Our Mission is to be a loving and inclusive community; seeking faith, joy and action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition, the teachings of Christ and God's continuing revelation.**

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

SERMON Matty Strickler

BRIEF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN ***How Like a Gentle Spirit*** SURSUM CORDA
New Century #443



PRAYING TOGETHER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Loving God, we honor you, and we honor all that you have made. Renew the world in the image of your love. Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed. Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past; give us courage to follow your call in this moment. For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need, in this world and in the world to come. 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 ***Lynn*** William Billings

Sweet is the memory of thy grace,
My God, my heav'nly One;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

God reigns on high, but not confines
All goodness to the skies;
Through the whole earth God's bounty shines,
And every want supplies.

Creatures with all their endless race
Thy power and praise proclaim;
But saints that taste thy richer grace
Delight to bless thy name.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess our faith by following in the way of Jesus who said:
"The Spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of God's favor."
—Luke 4:18-19

*CLOSING HYMN ***O for a World*** AZMON
New Century #575

O for a World 575

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 *Acts 4:32–35; 1 Cor. 1:26–31; 1 Pet. 3:8–12*



Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, *Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.*

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, *1839*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ***Prelude and Fugue in G Major*** J.S. Bach

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:
The chipper Prelude and Fugue was thought to have been by J.S. Bach, but recent scholarship suggests it might be by someone else...but we don't know who. It's a compact version of many of Bach's later works that combine a prelude (usually a more animated free-form piece) with a fugue. -- David

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

The Outreach mission focus for November and December will support organizations and ministries serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. In recognition of the increased need for shelter, resources, and support during the colder winter months, we will be contributing toward organizations such as People Serving People, Agate Housing and Services, and other local organizations working to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Through these contributions, we hope to offer care, dignity, and practical support to our neighbors in need during the Christmas season. 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/giving. Thank you for your ongoing support of outreach!

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Give to the Max Day

This year, UBC has set a goal of raising $5,000 to support our immigration justice and support ministries. 2026 has been a time of great need in these areas, and not only have we depleted our immigration justice funds, we have overspent. UBC is now seeking to replenish and refill our immigration justice budget so this important work can continue. The need is more urgent than ever, and we are grateful for your support in helping our neighbors. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving and prepare to celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of Jesus' call. We welcome the stranger, love our neighbors, and care for those who are vulnerable. Christmas itself centers on a family seeking safety and refuge, as Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus fled to Egypt to escape danger. Early giving began on 11/1 and continues through Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 19. To contribute to and share our campaign, visit www.givemn.org/organization/UniversityBaptistChurch.

Poinsettias to Decorate the Sanctuary

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve, please put $15 per plant in one of the special envelopes available in the pew racks or send the money electronically via our website. If you would like the poinsettia to be in honor or in memory of someone, please indicate that on the envelope or electronic contribution. Then, feel free to take it home with you after the service. **Poinsettia purchases must be made by Sunday, November 29.**

Book Featuring UBC on the Cover

A book was published recently with a photo of UBC on the cover — Aspiring to Antiracism: The Pursuit of Racial Justice in White Progressive Churches. It's by the three sociologists who are part of the Alliance of Baptists Thrive initiative, and who visited UBC on All Saints last year. It's available to order online, if you would like a copy.

Today

FCC 175th Anniversary celebration! There will not be a forum or Journeys today. Instead, we will join our friends at FCC to celebrate the 175th anniversary of their founding.

This Week

UBC/FCC Evening Handcraft Group, Monday at 7pm.

Sacred Harp, Tuesday, 5:30pm in Room 303.

Brittany's Coffee Office Hour, Wednesday, 10am, Makwa Coffee in Roseville.

Choir & Carillon Bells Rehearsals on Wednesday – Chorale rehearsal 6pm, Carillon Bells rehearsal 7:30pm.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service: You are invited to St. Frances Cabrini (1500 Franklin Ave. SE) on Friday, November 20, 7pm to honor the memory of transgender people whose lives have been lost this past year to anti-transgender violence. We'll also commit to standing with our transgender kin who continue to face serious discrimination. After the service, stay for a reception with light refreshments. Contact Matt Palkert: matt@cabrinimn.org

Bible Study, Saturday, 9-10am, on Zoom.

Coming Up

This year's Cookie Baking Party will be Sunday, December 13, after church. Each family brings some chilled cookie dough and/or pre-baked cookies that need icing. The kids prep and decorate the cookies and the grown-ups help bake them. Families take home a plate of cookies and we leave some for the next coffee hour! While big kids will do most of the decorating, babies are heartily welcomed and can shake sprinkles on cookies!

Mark your calendars for the FCC/UBC 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!

UBC: Sunday, Nov. 29, 11am-1pm
FCC: Sunday, Dec. 13, 11am-1pm

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Nursery Volunteers – It is important to have two people in the nursery to care for the kids. UBC tries to staff with hired folks, but it is a struggle. We could use a group of UBC members who are willing to volunteer in the nursery. Volunteers will be paired with a paid staff member. We need help on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you are interested, contact Megan Dahlberg at gunnar@umn.edu.

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.

Ushers Needed! We could use a couple more ushers. It's easy! Just arrive at 9:30am, greet people at the door, hand them a bulletin, take offering, and help visitors if needed. Commitment of approximately one Sunday every 4-6 weeks. See Chris Follett if interested.