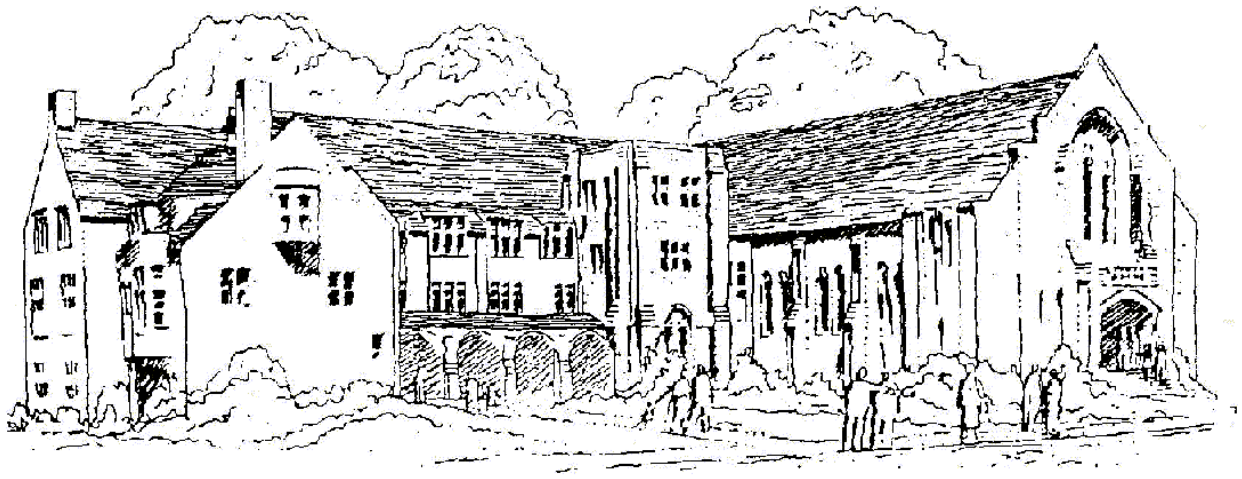


April 26, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rooted in Justice, Working for Peace



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University Baptist Church

April 26, 2026

Easter 4

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

R. Vaughan Williams

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: "Some say, 'My way is hidden from God and my right is disregarded...'" (Isaiah 40:27).

"The darkness is my closest friend" (Psalm 88:18, NIV).

Many: "... Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

One: "Pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted" (Isaiah 58:10, RSV).

Many: "Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and God will say, 'Here I am.' (Isaiah 12)

One: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined" (Isaiah 9:2).

Many: "Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: ...and the glory of God has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but God will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you" (Isaiah 60:1-2).

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

*OPENNING HYMN
ASF #63

God of Justice, God of Mercy

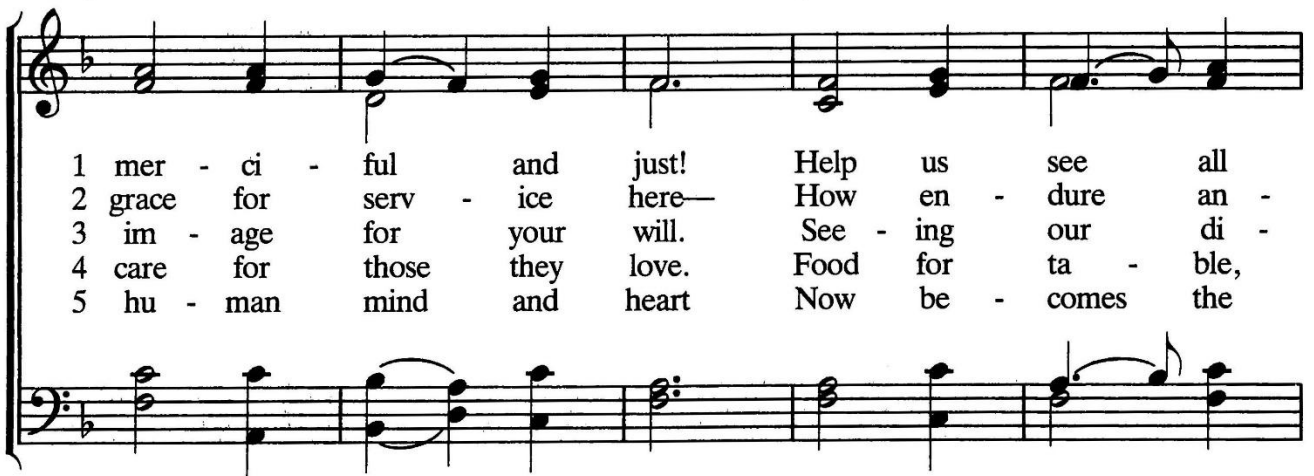
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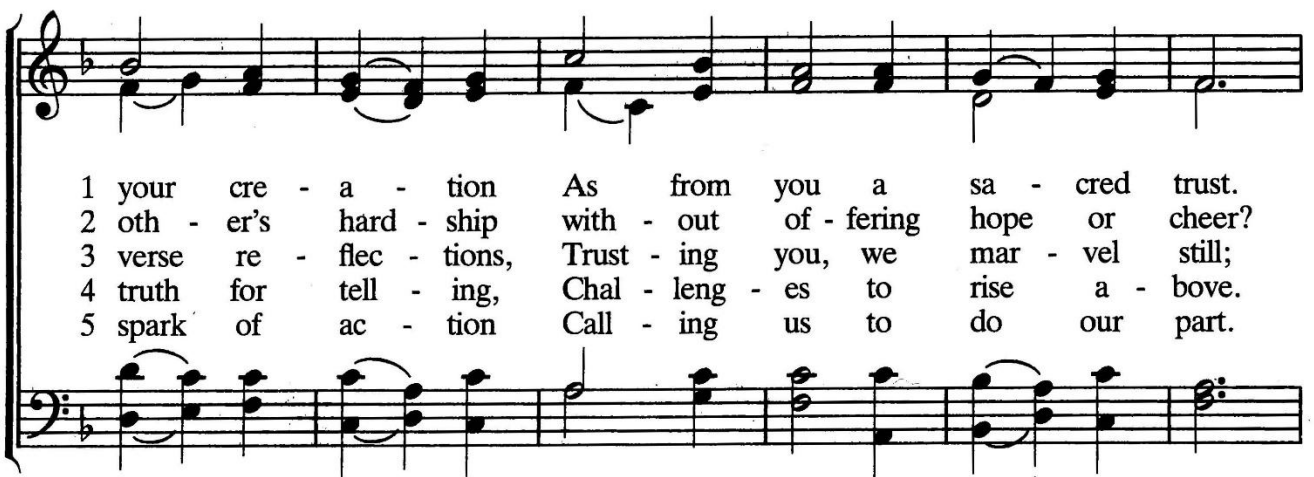
God of Justice, God of Mercy



1 God of jus - tice, God of mer - cy, Make us
2 How can we, as peo - ple cho - sen By your
3 You have formed us, God of rain - bows, In your
4 Grant all peo - ple work with mean - ing, Strength to
5 So the vi - sion you have plant - ed In each



1 mer - ci - ful and just! Help us see all
2 grace for serv - ice here— How en - dure an -
3 im - age for your will. See - ing our di -
4 care for those they love. Food for ta - ble,
5 hu - man mind and heart Now be - comes the



1 your cre - a - tion As from you a sa - cred trust.
2 oth - er's hard - ship with - out of - fering hope or cheer?
3 verse re - flec - tions, Trust - ing you, we mar - vel still;
4 truth for tell - ing, Chal - leng - es to rise a - bove.
5 spark of ac - tion Call - ing us to do our part.

1 And when peo - ple cry in an - guish For their
 2 God, for - give us, we be - seech you, When our
 3 For our col - ors, strengths, and tal - ents Show what
 4 But re - mind us, God of jus - tice, This is
 5 Keep that vi - sion clear be - fore us: Men and

1 own or oth - ers' pain, Show us ways to
 2 love fails to em - power. Teach us how to
 3 one a - lone would lack, Call - ing us to
 4 now our work, our call! Chang - ing life's op -
 5 wom - en, girls and boys, Val - ued in re -

1 make a dif - ference. O dear God, make us hu - mane!
 2 be more faith - ful In this pres - ent cru - cial hour.
 3 work to - geth - er— Brown, red, gold - en, white, and black.
 4 pres - sive sys - tems In - to ones em - pow - ering all.
 5 sponse and wit - ness, Shar - ing chal - leng - es and joys.

Jane Parker Huber, 1983

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 Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Мир вам! Пасе!
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

F C Am F G7 C

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

*CLOSING HYMN
ASF #69

O God, Whose Glory Shines Afar

DUKE STREET

O God, Whose Glory Shines Afar

69

1 O God, whose glo - ry shines a - far, Bright - er than
2 Great God, your will is true sha - lom. You make this
3 Where there are pris - ons of the soul, Where hun - ger
4 O God, whose glo - ry fills all space, Yet pres - ent

gal - ax - y or star, We too, your crea - tures,
u - ni - verse our home. So may we live, your
takes in - hu - man toll, Where free - dom's song may
in this time and place, With live - ly praise we

bright - ly raise In joy - ful song our Mak - er's praise.
love pro - claim, And work for jus - tice in your name.
still be banned, There we with Christ in strength shall stand.
now a - dore As in the past and ev - er - more.

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

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DUKE STREET LM
John Hatton, d. 1793

GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

*How Oft, Instinct with
Warmth Divine*

by Joseph Haydn; text, James
Merrick, adapted from Ps. 26

How oft, instinct with warmth divine,
Thy threshold have I trod!
How loved the courts, whose walls inshrine
The glory of my God!

O let me not the vengeance share
That waits the guilty tribe,
Whose murth'rous hands each mischief dare,
And grasp the offered bribe.

But pour, O pour, while thus I tread
The path by thee prepared,
Thy beams of mercy on my head,
And round me plant a guard.

Thou, God, my steps hast fixed aright,
And pleased shalt hear my tongue
With all our thankful ones unite
To form the festal song.

*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

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:9b-12

Rev. Doug Donley

SERMON

“Reckoning With Our Roots”

Rev. Doug Donley

*CLOSING HYMN
Black hymnal #607

We Would Be Building

FINLANDIA

607

We Would Be Building

Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49; 1 Esd. 5:56-7:15

Purd E. Deitz, 1935; alt.

1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done o'er crum - bling
 2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock we set the
 3 O keep us build - ing, Sav - ior; may our hands ne'er fal - ter

walls their cross-es scarce-ly lift, wait - ing till love can
 dream that hard-ens in - to deed, ribbed with fine steel, both
 when the dream is in our hearts, when to our ears there

raise the bro - ken stone, and hearts cre - a - tive
 time and change to mock, the un-fail - ing pur - pose
 come di - vine com - mands and all the pride of

bridge the hu - man rift. We would be build - ing,
 of our no - blest creed. Teach us to build; O
 sin - ful will de - parts. We build with you; O

Ar - chi-tect Di - vine, re-veal the shape of life in your de - sign.
 Mak-er, lend us sight to see the tow - ers gleam-ing in the light.
 grant en-dur-ing worth un-til your prom-ised realm shall come on earth.

Purd Deitz, pastor of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Philadelphia, wrote this hymn to express the youth conference theme, "Christian Youth Building a New World." Set to one of his favorite tunes, Finlandia, it became popular around the world.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
 Jean Sibelius, 1899
 Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in F Major

John Stanley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & APRIL

The Outreach mission focus for March and April is organizations supporting childhood hunger and health. Groups who have received funding in the past include: the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Avenues for Youth, Every Meal, and the Northside Achievement Zone. Thank you for any donations you can make to support programs that help our children and youth.

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.

Forum: The Singing Resistance – As local music reviewer Jim Walsh wrote in MinnPost, “The sound of this chorus coming out of nowhere on a cold and dangerous night is a healing, hopeful, soulful blessing.” Co-founder C Borchardt will talk about the hundreds-strong singing group that formed the week Renee Good was killed. Since then, they have been taking their voices to the streets all over the metro with songs like “Hold On” that we’ve been learning in worship. They sang on stage with Joan Baez on March 28 at the Capitol! Learn how to take part or support the group.

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. Doug will be putting a new set of books on that pew every two weeks. 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.

Pledges – If you have not already done so and are interested in pledging financially to UBC, please see Chris Follett asap.

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.

Memoir Writing Group – April 28 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include UBC stories to be included in the 175th anniversary booklet and High School memories – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

Saturday morning Bible study – May 2 & 16, 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.

Border Crossings will be holding their Spring concert at UBC on Saturday, May 2nd at 11:30am

Sound Mind Project's Spring Concert: Find Peace – May 2, 7pm at First Lutheran Church (1555 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights). Join us to support this choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community. The concert is a benefit for CLUES, one of UBC's longtime mission partners. As a bonus, the song "Find Peace" in the title of the program was written by Kim Donley after one of the many school shootings a few years back.

Looking ahead

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – May 6 (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 – May 7 (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.

Every Meal – May 8 & 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

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – May 9 (2nd Saturday), 2pm at Kim Donley's home for cake and coffee. The book is *Godpretty in the Tobacco Field* by Kim Michelle Richardson. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Forum – May 10. We will update folks on the Rooted Good team's ideas for a social enterprise or other uses of our building, updates on the Historic Register process, and updates on building projects and potential financial solutions. Please plan to attend this and the May 17 forum.

Congregational Meeting – May 17. We will vote whether to remain in the building for (at least) 5 more years while the social enterprise ideas have a chance to occur, while the Historic Register process finishes, and while we transition to a new permanent pastor.

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.

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, May 19, 7pm on Zoom. We have renamed ourselves to the Racial Justice Team. All are welcome!

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 or 651-295-7525.

Pastor Doug Farewell 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.

Pastor Doug’s Final Sunday Farewell – May 31, coffee time with cake buffet. Sign up in the lounge or see Chris Follett if you want to contribute your favorite homemade cake.

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 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.

Community Resources After Metro Surge – If you are looking for ways to support the Minneapolis community during this time of repair after Metro Surge here are some you might want to consider:

- Affected community members are struggling to pay rent, especially now. Please consider donating to these funds:
 - Phillips: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-phillips-families-in-urgent-need>
 - Longfellow: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Greater-Longfellow-Relief-Fund>
- Every Meal, (everymeal.org) a group we have supported for years, is offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the weekend deliveries.
- CLUES (clues.org) which has many programs that support immigrants.

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 mariefrance46@gmail.com.