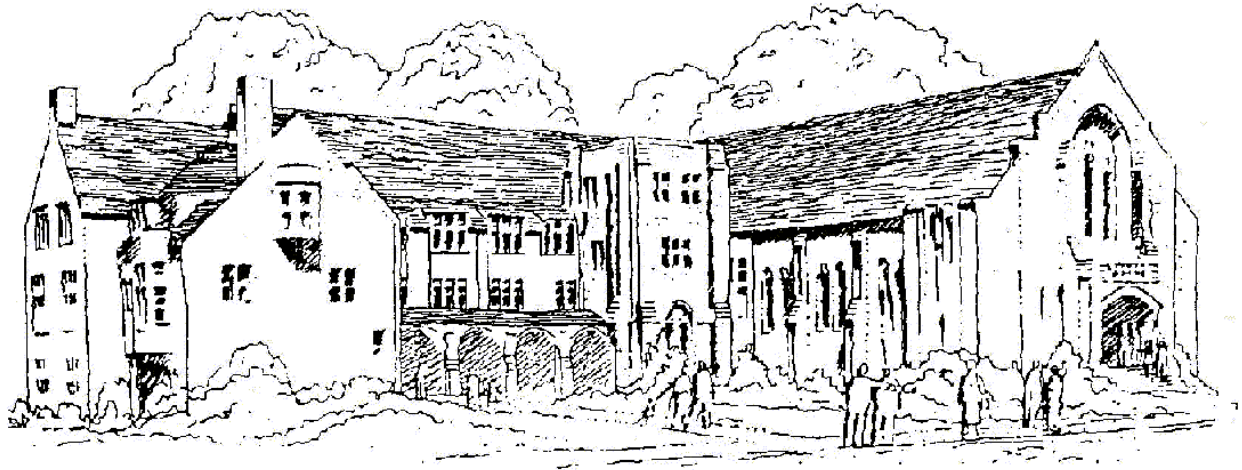


February 2, 2025



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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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

February 2, 2025

Epiphany 5

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Bread of Heaven

William B. Cooper

CONGREGATIONAL CALL & RESPONSE

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: There is power in this breath.

Many: **There is agency in this body.**

One: Where can we go?

Many: **God, take us where it's safe.**

One: God, tear down the tyrant.

ALL: **God, lift up the healers.**

Adapted from *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*, by Cole Arthur Riley, 2024
(*Stand as you are willing and able)

*OPENING HYMN

Take Me to the Water

Black Hymnal #322

322

Take Me to the Water

Acts 8:36-39; 10:47-48

African-American spiritual

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -
2 None but the righ - teous, none but the righ -
3 I love Je - sus, I love Je -
4 Je - sus is my Sav - ior, Je - sus is my Sav -

ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
teous, none but the righ - teous . . . shall see God.
sus, I love Je - sus, . . . yes, I dō.
ior, Je - sus is my Sav - ior for - ev - er more.

During the antebellum era the enslaved either worshipped secretly in the woods or in small one-room churches built on the plantations. This spiritual reminds us that in either case baptisms were done down at the riverside.

Tune: African-American spiritual
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

THE RITE OF BELIEVER'S BAPTISM
(The children are invited to come up to the stage to watch)

Violet Butler

PASSING THE PEACE

Two systems of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics: "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". The second system includes a guitar accompaniment line with chords: F, C, Am, F, G7, C and lyrics: "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)

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre/Madre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

Rev. Doug Donley

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Black Hymnal #473

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



SERMON

"Sermon on the Plain I: Blessings and Woes"

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Remember your servants (Beatitudes)

Russian Orthodox chant

arr. by the 1982
Episcopal Hymnal

Remember your servants when you come into your power.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the realm of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the realm of heaven.

Blessed are you when the world reviles you and persecutes you, and utters all manner of evil against you
falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Remember your servants when you come into your power.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos, y 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)

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

Listen to the Lambs
African-American Spiritual

Arr. Adolphus Hailstork

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on Nettleton

Undine S. Moore

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

All organ music in February will be by Black composers.

Here are a few notes on the composers featured this week:

William B. Cooper (1920-93), a Philadelphia native, composed many works for a wide range of instruments and ensembles including music for organ, voice, chorus, and orchestra. He received his musical education at a variety of schools including the Philadelphia College for the Arts and received a doctorate from Columbia Pacific. He taught at several colleges and also taught for 26 years in the New York City school system.

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) studied with many notable theorists and composers, including Nadia Boulanger and David Diamond. He has taught at several colleges, including Michigan State and Youngstown State, and was named composer in residence at Norfolk (Va.) State University. He was BBC's "Composer of the week" in October 2022 and has received several notable prizes and awards for his music.

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) has been called "The Dean of Black Women Composers." She studied at Fisk University, Julliard, and Eastman and taught at Virginia State University from 1927 to 1972. (She was a visiting professor at Carleton and St. Benedict in the 1970s.) In 1975 she was named music laureate of the state of Virginia.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Each month we lift up one of our mission partners. If you want to earmark a donation to this mission, please indicate that on your payment (online or by check). Here's the information for this month's special mission offering:

Our outreach mission focus for January and February will be for ministries within the American Baptist Churches USA that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget. This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing as well as others. Thank you for your help to support these important national ministries.

You can drop it 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 and Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs

UBC ANNOUNCEMENTS

See our newsletter at ubcmn.org/newsletter for Zoom links and more info
UBC's Admin Assistant's in-office hours are Tuesdays 12-3, Wednesdays 12-4, and Fridays 12-5.

Today

The nursery, Room 205, is available for children through age 10. Childcare is provided by U students Ely (they/them), Mara (she/her), Elijah (he/him), Sami (she/her), and Nova (she/her) from 9:15 to 12:45.

Refreshments will be served in the lounge immediately following the service.

Today's Forum: Immigration-related executive orders. – On the first day of his second presidential term, Donald Trump signed more than 45 executive orders, many of which will result in swift and drastic changes in U.S. immigration law and policy. John Medeiros will provide a summary of the immigration-related executive orders signed by Trump his first week in office, and how those executive orders could impact the work we do at University Baptist Church.

Journeys, a Bible Study for adults – 11:30 in the library. Journeys is an opportunity to read, to explore your questions, and to share your thoughts about key passages of Scripture. Each week there is a new reading and a new lesson. Journeys is open to all. No preparation or long-term commitment is required. Feel free to attend regularly or only occasionally. See Diane Ehr or Nancy Myers for more information.

February 2	Allegiance	Luke 4:21-30
February 9	Encounter	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
February 16	Blessedness	Psalms 1
February 23	Emulate	Luke 6:27-38

Sacred Harp Singing – Sundays (except the 1st), 4-6pm, and every Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

This week

Meals on Wheels – February 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday the first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 am and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you have any questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com.

Memoir Writing Group – February 4 & 18 (every other Tuesday) 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Soup, (Anti) Valentine's Day, and "Where was I when _____ happened?" or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – February 5 (1st Wednesday), 10am in the Parlor at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE). If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Bells and Choir Rehearsals – Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary or lounge. Choir 6pm, Bells 7:30pm.

Caregiver Support Group – February 6 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who have an elderly family member meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus – Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 7pm CST. New book study led by Dr. Gregory Thompson. This study explores the Christology Bonhoeffer learned in Harlem's churches, featuring a Black Christ who suffered with African Americans in their struggle against systemic injustice and racial violence—and then resisted. Bonhoeffer's immersion within the Black American narrative was a turning point for him, causing him to see anew the meaning of his claim that obedience to Jesus requires concrete historical action.

Register: <https://hgy4hl.fd47.fdske.com/e/c/01jhtntsdt0b8fk93hbrpqdde7/01jhtntsdv5nbf0y51b7vtq6d7>

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – February 8 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. The book this month is *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering – February 8 (2nd Saturday), 2pm, at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULCB and FCC. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: <https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/>

Forum February 9 – UBC discernment process: Report from Philadelphia. Pastor Doug Donley, Claire Mavity, and Matty Strickler will represent UBC in Philadelphia February 5–8 at a meeting of grant recipients, including ours to support our discernment process that began last year. They will report on their experience and what they learned.

Looking Ahead

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, February 11, 7 p.m. We will discuss the "antidotes" to the first five characteristics (perfectionism, sense of urgency, defensiveness, quantity over quality, and worship of the written word) of White Supremacy Culture identified by author Tema Okun in her essay, which we discussed in the forum on January 19. How can the antidotes Okun described help us in our congregational life at UBC? Everyone is welcome to join this monthly gathering.

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5176976753?pwd=NG15ZlNlbDcwUElzTWFMZm50QT09>

Every Meal – Thursday, February 13 (usually the 2nd Friday), 11am -1pm at Marcy Open School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to deliver meal bags to student backpacks during the school day. If you are interested, please contact Kim Donley, Chris Follett or Denise Roy denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu

Bible Study – February 15 (1st & 3rd Sat.) 9am. We will discuss Luke 6 & 7. New and occasional members are always welcome. No special background, skill, or preparation is required. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at dianeehr82@gmail.com. ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID: 517 697 6753 Passcode: 602794
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5176976753?pwd=NG15ZlNlbDcwUElzTWFMZm50QT09>

Love & Light Concert – Saturday, February 15, 3pm & Sunday, February 16, 7pm at First Baptist Church, 499 Wacouta Street, Saint Paul. This concert will feature the music of Elwyn A. Fraser Jr. in a collaboration between 10th Wave, the UBC Choir, and the UBC Carillon Handbell Choir. Reserve your tickets on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). Family-friendly, immersive, and interactive concert for all ages! Be sure to stick around for the musical instrument petting zoo to get an up-close look at some of the instruments you'll see on stage as well as the non-profit pop-up in the lobby to further support our community and those in need

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – February 17 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hobbie's. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Card Club – Saturday, February 22, 1pm. 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 Lubke at 651-295-7525 or jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Other Volunteer Opportunities

UBC history research – At the Minnesota History Center, UBC has 19 boxes of files and other materials. There is a lot of sleuthing to do! We are able to schedule appointments and reserve a table on Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10-1 and 1-4. If you would like to join a group going over to the History Center sometime, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com or 612-845-8417.

175th Anniversary Committee Organizational Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 1:30pm. If you are interested in helping plan our celebration, please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com

UBC / FCC Collaboration Task Force – UBC and First Congregational Church are exploring ways to collaborate in ministry. Pastor Donley and Jean Lubke are looking for 2-3 additional open-minded individuals willing to explore possibilities to join the task force. We have been meeting once a month. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug or Jean Lubke.