

May 14th, 2023



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

May 14th, 2023

Easter VI

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on O, You Beautiful Building of the World

Ethel Smythe

Welcome!

CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

Hagar's Prayer

This poem, "Hagar's Prayer," is about how easy it is to lose privilege by falling out of favor, by seeing other women as the enemy, or by aging out of employment or attractiveness. It is both a warning to other women not to forget to take care of themselves and a prayer for help. The poem uses the Jewish liturgical structure of prayer, a holy conversation in which only one side is heard, with an opening address to the one or One (the peticha), and a closing plea and summation to the same that seals the prayer (the chatimah).

One: Blessed One-ness. Breathing Existence.

Many: I once was Sarah: Rich, Loved, Able to laugh at everything, Even God, Especially God.

One: I had a place, a home, a mission.

Many: But now I'm Hagar: Broke, Alone, About to cry at everything. Even God, Especially God. Wandering in the desert, hungry.

One: This is my fault. I should have seen this coming. I should have protected myself. I refused to accurately assess my situation. Oh, the fantasies I had of love and success.

Many: No! This is Sarah's fault. She with her connections. And her covenant. And no room for anyone else.

One: Oh, the promises she made when she needed me.

Many: No, this is Abraham's fault! He pretends to have no agency.

One: But he's the one with the money and the power. He's the one who talks to God (or so he says). Oh, the bullshit he slings about destiny.

Many: All I have now is a cat named Ishmael. And he expects to be fed and watered. He's starving. I can't look at him. I can't watch him die. All I can do is pray.

One: Blessed One-ness. Breathing Existence.

Many: Send me a social worker. Or food stamps. Or a lotto ticket. Or friends. Or a magical flowing spring of plenty that pours out from the rocks.

One: Or something.

All: Amen.

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OPENING HYMN
Black Hymnal #419

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
 Johann Crüger, 1647
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

PRAYING TOGETHER`

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

¡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.

The musical score is written in 6/8 time. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics in Spanish and English. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics in Spanish and English, with chord symbols (F, C, Am, F, G7, C) written above the treble clef staff.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN

Black Hymnal #24

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Yigdal Elohim Chai

(The God of Abraham Praise)

Gen. 12:1; 17:15-16; Exod. 3:14; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 4:8

Moses Maimonides, 12th century
Versification attrib. to Daniel ben Judah, c. 1400
Transl. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1884; alt.

1 Yig - dal e - lo - him chai v' - yish - ta - bach,
1 The God of A - braham praise, all prais - es to God's name,
2 God's spir - it free - ly flows, high surg - ing where it will;
3 God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;
4 The God of Sar - ah praise, all prais - es to God's name,

nim - tza v' - ein eit el m' - tzi - u - to
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!
God spoke of old in proph - et's word; that word speaks still.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.
who was and is and is to be, for - e'er the same!

E - chad v' - ein ya - chid k' - yi - chu - do,
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;
Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,
All praise the liv - ing God! Ex - tol that hal - lowed name,
The one e - ter - nal God, be - fore what now ap - pears;

ne - lam v' - gam ein sof l' - ach - du - to.
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!
deep writ - ten on the hu - man heart, in ev - ery land.
who was, and is, and ev - er shall be still the same!
the First, the Last: be - yond all thought through time - less years!

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE	Genesis 16:1-16 and 21:8-21	Karen Swenson
SPANISH SCRIPTURE READING		John Medeiros
SERMON	"Hagar's History"	Karen Swenson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Ubi Caritas	Joseph Gentry Stephens
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Anthem text:

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exulemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

English translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us respect, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mediante la fe todos somos hijos y hijas de Dios.
Porque todos los que han sido bautizados en Cristo,
se han revistido de Cristo. No hay judío ni griego;
no hay esclavo ni libre; ya no hay hombre y mujer;
porque todos somos uno en Cristo Jesús.

(adaptado de Gálatas 3:26-28)

Through faith we are all children of God. For as many as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek. There is neither slave nor free. There is no longer male and female. For we are all one in Christ Jesus.
(Galatians 3:26-28, adapted)

CLOSING HYMN
Voices Found Hymnal #16

With Miriam We Shall Dance

LEONI

With Miriam we will dance

16

1 With Mir - iam we will dance and ce - le - brate the day
 2 With Ma - ry we will wait when ev - en hope seems dead
 3 With Con - stance we will stand for what we know is right
 4 Made whole, the hu - man race may an - swer to God's call

when sul - len seas were swept a - part to show the way.
 when o - thers rush down roads they say we may not tread.
 in an - swer to God's just de - mand and search - ing sight,
 in dance and si - lence, truth and grace, em - brac - ing all.

The danc - ers lend us grace to turn from seas of fear
 And wait - ing, strong and still through all our grief and pain
 con - front - ing each a - buse that stran - gles li - ber - ty,
 This jour - ney ne - ver ends, God's pro - mise calls us on,

to - wards the un - known wil - der - ness for God is there.
 we hear the whis - per of God's will we hear our name.
 God help us simp - ly state the truth that sets us free.
 un - til our sis - ters, bro - thers, friends may join the song.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on Sing to God a New Song

Lili Wieruszowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

(After the livestream ends)

MAY and JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

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). See “Offerings” in the Announcements section below for details on how to donate. Here’s the information for this month’s special mission offering:

UBC's mission offering for the months of May and June will be to support organizations which advocate for and support our LGBTQ+ community. There are groups which provide a voice at the Capitol, free HIV testing and counseling for youth/young adults, and support for the LGBTQ+ community who are victims of violence. If you have suggestions for specific organizations, please talk with/email Kim and/or Deidre.

Thank you for your contributions to support these worthy causes. As usual, you can drop your offering in the donation box, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our on-line portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org. Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!!

- Kim Donley and Deidre Druk, Outreach Co-Chairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

The nursery, room 205, is open today from 9:15 to 11:15 for children through age 6. Infants can be cared for in the nursery from before the start of the service. Other children in this age range are encouraged to stay in the service through the children’s lesson.

No forum today! Extended coffee hour.

Sunday school: Let’s celebrate spring! —a season of colors and new adventures. This year we would like to honor all the blessings from this season with arts and crafts for the kids in the nursery room (room 205) during forum, 11:30 to 12:30. Children of all ages are welcome!

Join us during our Zoom events! See our newsletter for the links or find them on our website ubcmn.org.

This week

Spanish classes – (on Zoom) Mondays (Intermediate 5-6 pm, Beginners 6:15-7:15pm) and Thursdays (Advanced Conversation 4:30-5:30pm). The Beginning class focuses on vocabulary development and verb conjugation and the Intermediate class focuses on reading, writing and discussing. The Advanced class meets for conversation on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Anielka Montiel at anymontiel33@gmail.com or 651-295-4590. NOTE: No class on Memorial Day, May 29.

UBC/FCC Knitting Group – May 15th at 7pm (Every 3rd Monday at 7pm) at Betty Shaw's. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Memoir Writing Group – (on Zoom) every other Tuesday at 7pm (May 16th & 30th). All are welcome! New prompts include Mother's Day, Flowers, Roads, Seasons, Redemption, or whatever else you feel moved to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Choir Rehearsals – Wednesdays at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Bell Rehearsals – Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the sanctuary.

Bible Study Group – (on Zoom) Saturday, May 20th, 9–10am. First and third Saturdays of the month. New and occasional members are always welcome. We're focusing on Romans 12. For more information contact Diane Ehr at DianeEhr@q.com.

Card Club – May 20th at 1 pm. 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. All participants must be fully vaccinated. If you are interested, please contact Jean at 651-295-7525 or lubk0001@umn.edu.

Looking Ahead

Anti-Racism Discussion and Action Group – (on Zoom) May 23rd - Every other Tuesday at 7pm.

Climate Action Group – May 25th (2nd & 4th Thurs.) at 6:30 p.m. We will continue our discussion about the book *Climate Action Handbook: A Visual Guide to Climate Solutions for Everyone* by Heidi Roop (from the University of Minnesota!). For the next couple meetings will discuss energy production and transportation (up to page 30.) This is not a cumulative group; join the conversation anytime, even if you don't have the book! Let's learn together and support each other in making our earth a better place! Contact Trish Donley with questions or ideas at patricia.donley63@gmail.com or 612-386-2856.

Caregivers Support Group – (on Zoom) June 1st (1st Thursday) at 6:30pm. UBCers who have an elderly parent meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at lubk0001@umn.edu.

Save the date! A baby shower for expectant parents Anielka Picado Montiel and Francisco Diaz and Lynnette and Elwyn Fraser will be held on Sunday, June 4, during the forum time. More information in the May newsletter.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – June 7th (1st Wednesday)- at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) in the Parlor. Some folks find it difficult to drive at night, so we've added a daytime handcrafts meeting. Bring a contribution for a salad bar or your lunch if you like. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com or 612-617-0017 or see Chris Follett for questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Little Free Pantry

We are in need of donations for our Little Free Pantry. Food items such as: peanut butter crackers, pouches/cans of tuna or chicken, Vienna sausages, etc., microwave mac and cheese, ramen, flip-top cans of fruit. Non-food items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste (travel size preferred), combs/brushes, deodorant, shampoo/soap (travel size), razors. We are also looking for individuals who might be willing to stop by the church at least once a week to stock the pantry. Thank you for your ongoing generosity for this outreach to our neighbors. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Deidre Druk, Outreach co-chairs.

Volunteers Needed

Communion prep – Contact Terri Wottrich. Sunday School Coordinator – Contact Gayla Marty. Ushers – Contact Chris Follett. Worship Leaders – Contact Jean Lubke. Worship Technology Support - Contact Personnel Committee (Megan Gunnar, Jean Lubke, Gene Velasco)

Meals on Wheels

June 5th -8th (first full Mon-Thurs week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15am 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 mariefrance46@gmail.com.

Loaves and Fishes

UBC will host Loaves and Fishes on June 30th anytime 2-7pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Steve Lee at steven.lee@thrivent.com.