

February 1, 2026



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 1, 2026

Epiphany 5/Candlemas

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude from Organ Suite #1

Ulysses Kay

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: Come, all you who are weary and worn out, angry and grieving, cold and feeling crazy. God waits for us.

Many: **We come. We come into the shelter and warmth of community, coveting the truthful, just, and holy.**

One: The heavens lend us a sign—increasing daylight in the dead of winter, our waxing moon in the still long nights.

Many: **We lift up our heavy hearts and our eyes from bearing witness to violence and abuse, to behold the wonders of God's beauty and mercy.**

One: God is here. On the edge of river, lake, or sea, steaming or icy, God goes before us, beside us, all around us, and God is with us now.

All: **We come to you, oh God, hearts breaking, hands reaching for you.**

(*Stand as you are willing and able)

*OPENING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Black #472

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

472

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
 3 When the shadows appear and the night draws near,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is almost gone,
 and the day is past and gone,
 Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
 At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
 Refrain:
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain
 Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

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!

Sheet music for 'Peace Be With You!' in 8/8 time. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are in Spanish, English, and Japanese. Chords indicated are F, C, Am, F, G7, and C.

¡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.

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

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

*Bienvenidos niños, Jesús los ama,
Jesús los abraza, Bienvenidos niños.*

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40

Anne Supplee

*HYMN
Blue #109

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad,
How High*

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High 109

Latin: 15th century
Tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.
Grenoble Church Melody

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore His ho - ly
3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, For us his
4 For us to wick - ed ones be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose to life a - gain, For us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God For love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, That God, the Son of
fast, and hun - gered sore; For us temp - ta - tions
dai - ly works he wrought, By words and signs and
pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He bore the shame - ful
brings new join with - in; For us he sent the
deep, so high, so broad; The Ho - ly One whom

God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor - tal sake.
sharp he knew; For us the temp - ter o - ver - threw.
ac - tions, thus Still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
cross and death; For us gave up his dy - ing breath.
Spi - rit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
we a - dore For ev - er and for ev - er more.

SERMON

“The Gospel in Gaza”

Anne Supplee

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



We welcome your financial support 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 in the offering plate. Thank you for your support. See below for mission offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hold On

Heidi Ann Wilson

The choir will sing through the melody twice. Then the congregation joins in, and the choir gradually will add harmony parts. Keep singing!

Hold On

Heidi Ann Wilson

1

Hold on hold on

5

my dear ones here comes the dawn

9

melody hold on hold on

drone line hold on hold on

low harmony hold on hold on

low melody hold on hold on

13

my dear ones here comes the dawn

It is January 2026, and the people of Minneapolis are inspiring us with what it looks like to really take care of one another in the face of escalating ICE raids and authoritarian violence. They are walking kids to school, delivering food to neighbors, standing on street corners in rapid response. And they are singing. I am humbled and moved that this song is useful to folks right now. People have been asking 'can I sing it in my church, synagogue, school, street choir? The answer is yes, of course, this song has work to do. Sing on, and add more harmonies!

If you would like to hear part recordings or learn more about the song's origins check out www.patreon.com/HeidiWilson

*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

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

Elevation

George Walker

*CLOSING HYMN
Black #437

We Shall Not Give Up the Fight

ONLY STARTED

We Shall Not Give Up the Fight

South African freedom song

Descant, st. 4 only

Descant, st. 4 only

we have on - ly start-ed, we

G C D

1 & 4 We shall not give up the fight, we have on - ly start-ed, we have on - ly

have on - ly start-ed, we have on - ly start - ed.

G C G C

start-ed, we have on - ly start - ed. We shall not give up the fight, we

we have on - ly start-ed, we have on - ly start-ed, on - ly start - ed.

D G D7 G

Last time, end

have on - ly start-ed, we have on - ly start-ed, we have on - ly start-ed.

This protest song of South Africa came to Europe via Tanzania. It reflects the determined faith and unity of those who fought against apartheid, and offers hope and strength to all Christians struggling against the evils of injustice.

Tune: ONLY STARTED Irr.
South African freedom song

2 To - geth-er we'll have vic - to - ry, hand hold-ing hand, hand
 3 Nev - er, ev - er put to flight, we're bound to win, we're

hold - ing hand, hand hold - ing hand. To -
 bound to win, we are bound to win.

geth - er we'll have vic - to - ry, hand hold-ing hand, hand
 Nev - er, ev - er put to flight, we're bound to win, we're

hold - ing hand, hand hold - ing hand. To -
 bound to win, we are bound to win.

to beginning

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on Nettleton

Undine S. Moore

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Our outreach mission focus for January and February is for ministries within the ABCUSA that are not already receiving funds through the UBC budget. This includes Retired Ministers and Missionaries Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your help in supporting these important national ministries.

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

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month, in celebration of Black History Month, all organ music is by Black composers.

A new, second set of colors in the sanctuary this month are made with Tanzanian kanga cloths. The fabric for the eight flags, pulpit, and altar cloths was a gift to Jean Lubke from Elizabeth Moriera, director of Project Minnesota Leon, whose sister served as a Lutheran missionary in Tanzania. Kanga cloths contain a Swahili proverb. This set's phrase is "Pokea zawadi Mama upate kunienzi," meaning "Receive this gift, Mother, so you can honor me." The altar cloth also contains fabric from the first set of flags introduced this past summer.

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.

No Forum today – Extended coffee hour.

Community and ICE Out Resources – If you are looking for ways to support the Minneapolis community during this time of upheaval, there are so many groups out there supplying food, rental assistance, protest support, and more. Here are some you might want to consider:

- Stand with Minnesota (standwithminnesota.com) a great hub for ways to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, (everymeal.org) is a group we have supported for years, is now offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the extra weekend food deliveries.
- CLUES (clues.org) which has many programs that support immigrants.

UBC Merch & Gifts - UBC has a new calendar featuring 12 months of UBC corner signs. They are available for \$20 each. **Represent UBC with T-shirts** for sale. A donation of \$20 is suggested, with cash or by using the giving QR code.

This week

The February newsletter is out—look for it in your email! Lots of important dates are coming up.

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! (*Note: Not meeting on 2/8/26*).

Memoir Writing Group – February 3 & 17 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Firsts, and Who is your ideal reader (as opposed to your inner critic)? – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – February 4 (1st Wednesday), 11am at Marilyn Burns's home. 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 – February 5 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett.

Sacred Harp Singing School – February 6 (Friday) 6:30-8:30 at UBC. Learn the tradition and sing some songs led by an experienced southern singer who is travelling to Minneapolis.

Saturday morning Bible study – February 7 & 21, 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.

Work Day – Saturday, February 7 from 9am-3pm. Gather with other UBCers to clean, glean and make rooms ready for rental. Discover nooks and crannies of this grand old building and the treasures they contain. Lunch and childcare provided! RSVP required to Robbie Steele at rsteele651@comcast.net or 612-877-2257

Looking ahead

UBC Anti-Racism Work – Tuesday, February 10, 7pm on Zoom. Join us as we plan upcoming activities. All are welcome!

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – February 14 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *The Love of My Life* by Rosie Walsh. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

Night Songs – February 15, 7 pm at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Avenue SE. Enjoy an evening of music and poetry featuring the choirs of University Lutheran Church of Hope, First Congregational, University Baptist, and Vocal U. The sanctuary will have the night sky projected onto the rafters. Sit in the pews or bring pillows/blankets and lie on the floor and take in the view. This family-friendly event is a beautiful way to embrace winter. All are welcome. The event is free but RSVP is required at <https://Nightsongs2026.eventbrite.com> A free-will collection will be taken in support of the Nutritious U Food Pantry and music programming at ULCH. Parking will be tight – ride-share, if you are able. If the event sells out, tickets not claimed by 6:45 p.m. may be offered to a day-of “rush” line.

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – February 16 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Chris Follett'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.

Card Club – Saturday, February 21, 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.

Roots Cellar Concert: RJ Cowdery, Katie Dahl, and Hope Dunbar – Sunday, February 22, 7pm for \$20. RJ Cowdery (Ohio), Katie Dahl (Wisconsin), and Hope Dunbar (New Jersey) may be from three different states, but they all share a knack for razor-sharp lyrics, wicked humor, compelling vocals, and unflinching truth-telling. All alumni of the prestigious Kerrville New Folk competition, Cowdery, Dahl, and Dunbar each tour the country individually, but are teaming up for this powerhouse triple bill. Don't miss this chance to see three of the country's most respected songwriters, swapping songs with one another in an in-the-round format. Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/cowderydahldunbar>

Next up:

Root River Jam – Saturday, March 14 at 7pm for \$20

Root River Jam combines elements of Americana, country, rock and blues genres. Performing music with the spark of creativity and individuality from each musician, they produce songs and sounds that draw you in to their eclectic style! Tickets and more info here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/rootriverjam>

Crys Matthews – Saturday, April 11 at 7pm for \$20

“A passionate and powerful blend of infectious Americana melodies and folky instrumentation, Matthews delivers her honest songwriting through a beautifully raw and unfiltered lens. Oozing soul, her voice bleeds with emotion and gratitude, while simple piano melodies and upbeat percussion fill you with appreciation and love for the people around us who fight for change.” — [Ear Milk](#). Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/crysmatthews>

Spanish Conversation – Saturday, February 28, 10am at HarMar Barnes & Noble. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Coffee and pastry will be provided! Contact Deidre at deidredruk@aol.com if you have questions.

THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings! UBC is part of the THRIVE grant racial justice cohort in the Alliance of Baptists. The spring gathering this year will be in Evanston, Illinois—THRIVE April 14–16, and the Alliance April 16–19. Pastor Doug will attend, and others are invited to attend in person or online to be part of this important work. For more information: <https://allianceofbaptists.org/ag26> and <https://allianceofbaptists.org/thrive/> and talk to Pastor Doug or Denise Roy. There are funds available to offset some of the costs, so don't let cost be a barrier.

Reminders

We want your stories! – Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Do you remember your first Sunday? What is/was different about worship here? Do you have a baptism story to share? Have you been part of the choir or the bell choir? What keeps you coming back? These are just some prompts to get you thinking. The 175th Anniversary Committee/Chris Follett will compile your stories into a booklet. If you want, consider attending our Memoirs group on Zoom every other Tuesday at 7pm, where we read our stories and give each other feedback. Maybe this will give you the impetus you need to get writing! Nothing fancy here! No writing experience necessary! Send it to us at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Childcare volunteers needed – We have our second all-day **workday on Saturday, February 7**, for which we need childcare from 9am to 4pm.

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 (this coming week!) 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.

Every Meal – Thursday, February 12 (usually the 2nd Friday), 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. 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 at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu