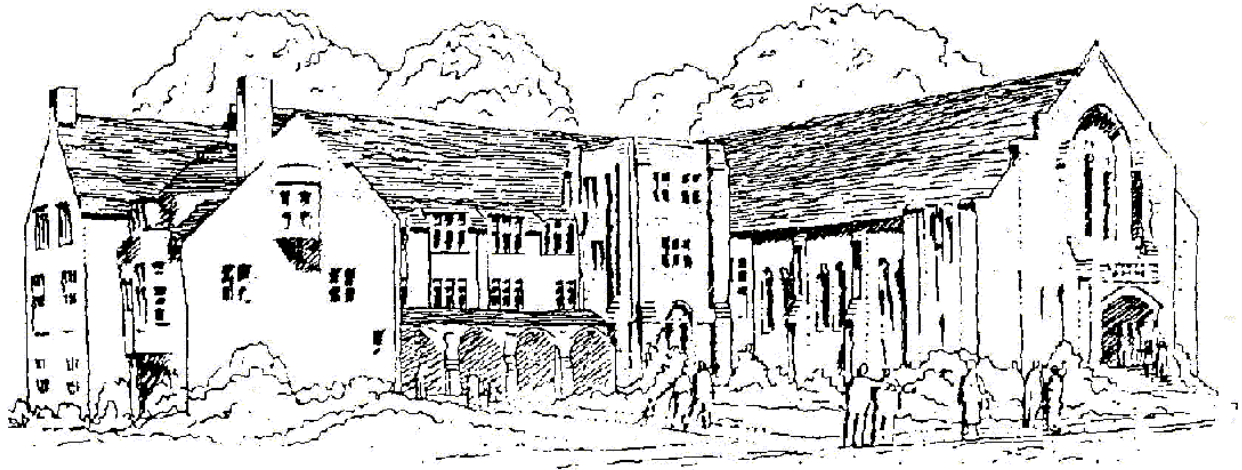


March 9, 2025



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

March 9, 2025

Lent 1

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Exuberant Joy
UBC Carillon Handbell Choir

Arnold Sherman

Welcome!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: If the human body is to live, flesh and blood, it needs salt.

Many: If the body of Christ is to live, the body of peace and justice, it needs us!

One: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

Many: If the creation we are in Christ is to flourish, we need the Spirit's light to fill us and shine forth from us!

One: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

Many: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming and compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

ALL: We will be the Salt and Light Jesus calls us to be.

*-Adapted from a Call to Worship at Caldwell United Methodist Church in Wisconsin
(*Stand as you are willing and able)*

*OPENING HYMN
Black Hymnal #181

You Are the Salt for the Earth, O People

BRING FORTH

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

181

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit- y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace Be With You!

¡La paz sea contigo! Мир вам! Mir vam!
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

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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Nellie Bly (1864-1922)

Paula Moyer

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.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN

GATHERING SONG

Welcome, Children, Welcome

Black hymnal #323 (Verse 2)

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

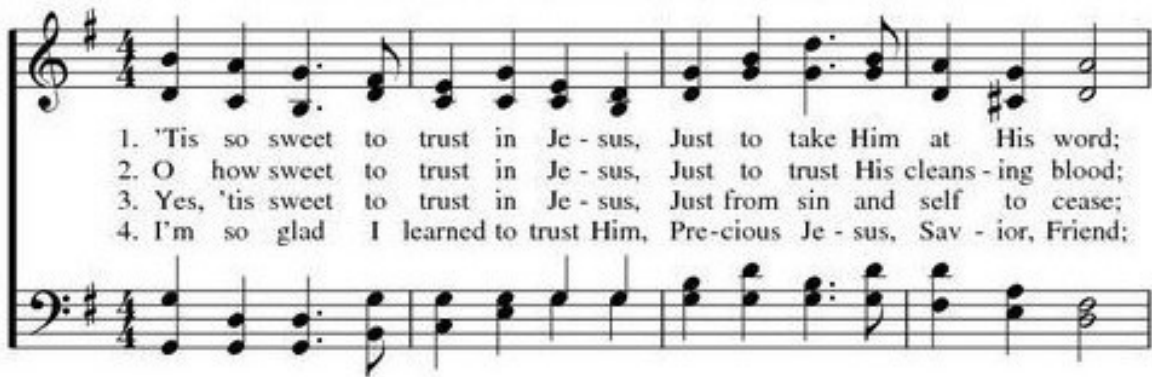
CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

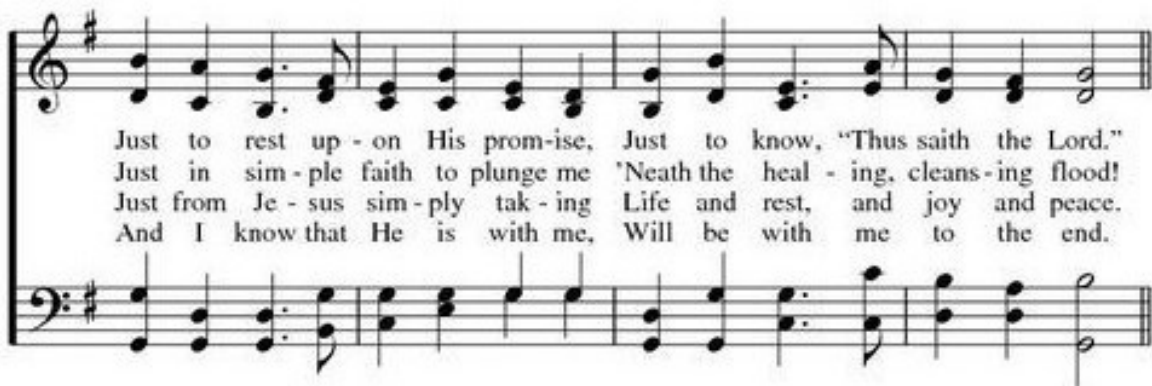
SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16

Rev. Doug Donley



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest, and joy and peace.
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

Chorus



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!
(segue)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Cynthia Dobrinski

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)

*CLOSING HYMN

Black Hymnal #471

What a Covenant

LEANING

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The River

Anna Laura Page

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

MUSICAL NOTE:

This Sunday is the 30th anniversary of Jean Lubke's service as volunteer director of the UBC handbell program.

NOTES ON THE MUSIC: The last two hymns are two of Laurie Brazman's favorites, as are all of the handbell pieces.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MARCH & APRIL

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:

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

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), 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 – UBC–First Congregational Church Collaboration. A committee of members from both our churches has formed to explore opportunities for greater collaboration. UBC's representatives are Pastor Doug, Jean Lubke, and Chris Follett. Learn about the history of UBC–FCC collaboration, this committee's purpose and plan for this year, shared upcoming activities and why folks should participate. The committee is seeking ideas for other shared opportunities too.

Journeys, a Bible Study for adults – 11:30am in the Char Follett library. Beginning the first Sunday in March, Journeys begins a new quarter that will take us through Lent to Easter and toward Pentecost. Journeys meets Sunday mornings in the library following worship. It's an opportunity to read Scripture together, to learn something new, to ask questions, and to talk about your faith. The lessons themselves are written by clergy and members of American Baptist Churches across the country, providing a wide range of expertise and perspectives about Scripture and its meaning for contemporary Christians. They bring new voices to the faith conversation. Journeys is an informal group. No preparation is required. Please feel free to come once or regularly. See Nancy Myers or Diane Ehr for more information.

The Journeys topics and readings are as follows:

March 9	SIMPLIFY: Romans 10:8b-13
March 16	REFUGE: Psalm 27
March 23	CONTROL: Isaiah 55:1-9
March 30	GRACE: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

Anti-Racism group – March 11, 7pm on Zoom. We will continue to look at the characteristics of White Supremacy culture and their antidotes. Everyone is welcome to join this monthly gathering.

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

Every Meal – March 14 (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

Mardi Gras – (Rescheduled) Friday, March 14, 4-8pm. This event will have tacos, donuts, mini golf, and live music by The Roasters with the food served starting at 5:30pm. The first hour (4-5 pm) is geared toward COVID-cautious folks - masks are required. Co-hosted by ULCH & First Congregational Church, hosted at First Church, 500 8th Ave SE. Freewill donations support youth trips to Guatemala.

Bible Study – March 15 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9am. March 15 will focus on Luke 7 & 8. 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.

Hola UBC/FCC friends! Are you interested in a Spanish Conversation Group? This would be a chance to meet in-person and practice speaking together. Deidre Druk and Mary Jean Korsmo hope you'll join us on March 15th from 10:00-12:00 at Mary Jean's home. 630 3rd Ave NE, Mpls 55413. We will discuss more specifics about starting a conversation group together. We hope to attract Spanish learners/speakers at a variety of levels. Let's see where this might go!! Hasta Pronto!!

Laurie Jensen Brazman Celebration of Life – Saturday, March 15th at 1pm. Laurie was a major part of our music program and had a great love for travel, books and children. Per her specific requests, the UBC Carillon and Chorale will perform, and we will sing many of her favorite hymns. Please keep her family in your hearts, especially her husband Todd, her son Ben and her grandchildren Marcus and Ella.

Card Club – **CANCELLED** (for March 15). 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

Next Forum (March 16) – Impact of Federal Funding Cuts to Foreign Aid. Since his inauguration as president in January, Donald Trump has ordered actions to dismantle foreign aid and assistance. Katie MacAulay, who recently completed work on a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contract, will talk about her experience and observations. Jacob Beier spent eight years at the Government Accountability Office, an independent, nonpartisan agency within the legislative branch that provides auditing, evaluative, and investigative services for Congress. He will share his thoughts on the broad impact of the administration's actions.

Looking Ahead

UBC-FCC Knitting Group – March 17 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hendricks's home. 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.

Memoir Writing Group – March 18 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Soup, Eggs, and “Where was I when _____ happened?” or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Shameless Gospel Sing – Saturday, March 22, 11am-3pm. Join Steve Schmidgall and friends to sing lots of different kinds of a cappella Gospel music in room 303. It will also be a celebration of Steve's birthday!

Roots Cellar: Curtis & Loretta – Saturday, March 22 at 7pm. Curtis & Loretta are a folk singer-songwriter duo, guided by their love of good songs and inspired by the stories of people they have met in their over 40 years of touring. Weaving together soaring harmonies with a wild menagerie of instruments that includes guitars, harp, mandocello, banjo, ukulele, kazoo, harmonica, and percussion, the duo performs their poignant originals with humor and heart. Tickets \$20: www.events.humanitix.com/curtisloretta

There will be a pickup choir on Sunday March 23 – If you'd like to sing with the choir that day, please come at 9:15 for a short rehearsal of an easy anthem we'll sing during the service.

Every Meal Food Packing Event – Thursday, March 27, 1-3pm. UBC's Every Meal team (Denise Roy, Chris Follett and Kim Donley) invites you to join us for a fun food packing event. We'll join others, including from First Congregational Church and University Lutheran Church of Hope, at the Volunteer Center in Roseville. If you might like to participate, contact Denise at denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu for additional details.

Meals on Wheels – April 8-12 (typically 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 mariefrance46@gmail.com.

UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group – April 2 (1st Wednesdays) 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 – April 3 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – April 12 (2nd Saturday), 1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Wild Church Gathering – April 12 (2nd Saturday), 2pm, at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULCH 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/>

Palm Sunday Brunch – April 13, 10am. Watch for sign up sheets in the lounge.

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.

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. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19, 1:15-2:45pm at UBC. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug or Jean Lubke.