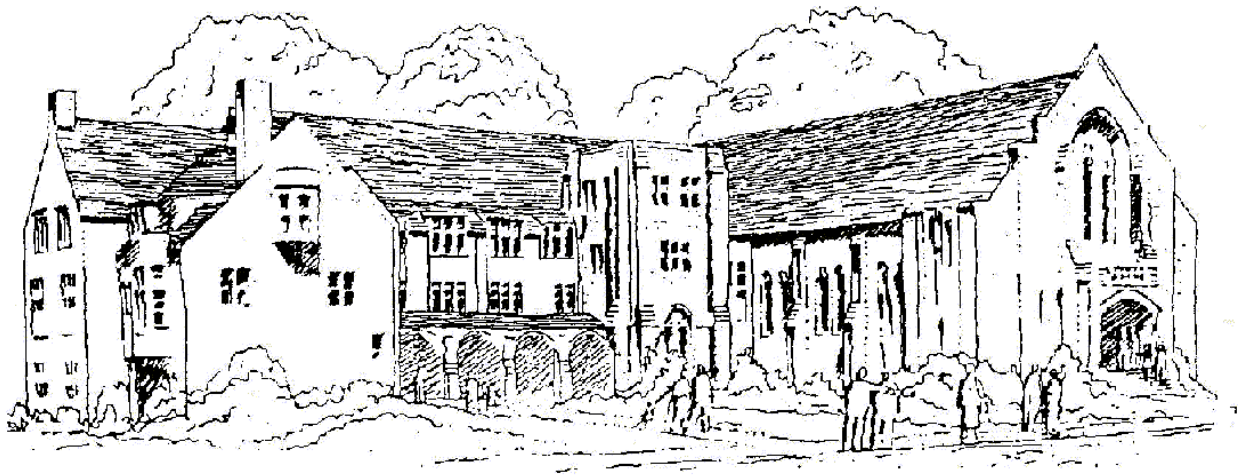


June 7, 2026



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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University Baptist Church

June 7, 2026

Pentecost 3

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Amazing Grace"

David Lesniaski

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: Welcome to this place of peace.

Many: May we find some moments of quiet contemplation.

One: Welcome to this place of celebration.

Many: May our hearts soar with gratitude for the gift of life.

One: Welcome to this place of sacred love.

Many: May we gently hold all that is broken here.

One: Come into this place of community.

Many: May we, together, draw the circle of love and justice ever wider.

All: Welcome to this sacred place. Come, let us worship, celebrate, grieve, and love together.

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

(adapted from the Universal Unitarian Association)

*OPENING HYMN

Black Hymnal #545

There Was Jesus by the Water

TALITHA CUMI

There Was Jesus by the Water

545

Versified by Gracia Grindal, 1983; alt.

Matt. 9:18-25; Mark 5:21-42; Luke 8:40-56

Unison

1 There was Je - sus by the wa - ter speak - ing to the press - ing
 2 As the Sav - ior healed an - oth - er, news was brought that she was
 3 Je - sus went back with the rul - er where they heard the mourn - ers
 4 Je - sus touched the lit - tle daugh - ter, say - ing, "Lit - tle girl, a -

crowd, when, be - hold, there came a rul - er from the syn - a - gogue, who
 dead. "Do not trou - ble Je - sus fur - ther." Je - sus heard the news and
 weep. Je - sus said un - to the wail - ers, "Why this tu - mult—she's a -
 rise!" And she rose to see her fa - ther's and her moth - er's stunned sur -

bowed, say - ing, "Come and heal my daugh - ter, lay your
 said, "I will come and see your daugh - ter, I will
 sleep. I will go un - to his daugh - ter, and will
 prise. They then held their lit - tle daugh - ter and they

heal - ing hands up - on her, heal her, please, that she may live."
 lay my hands up - on her, do not fear, she yet may live."
 lay my hands up - on her, do not laugh, on - ly be - lieve."
 laid their hands up - on her, trust - ing how he made her live.

Hymnwriter Gracia Grindal is also a teacher, poet, and published hymnologist. Her text first appeared with Rusty Edwards' tune in *Songs of Rejoicing* (1989). Talitha Cumi is an Aramaic command that means "little girl, arise."

Tune: TALITHA CUMI 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
 Rusty Edwards, 1983

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!

The musical score is written in 6/8 time. The first system consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line has lyrics: '¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi' and 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My'. The bass line provides accompaniment. The second system includes a guitar chord progression: F, C, Am, F, G7, C. The lyrics for this system are: 'cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.' and 'heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.' The bass line continues with accompaniment.

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.*

*Welcome, children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;
Jesus now enfolds you, welcome, children, welcome!*

CHILDREN'S TIME

ATTENDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Rev. Cody Sanders

*HYMN
Black Hymnal #547

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

547

St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

John Newton's autobiographical hymn reflects his conversion from his earlier existence as a slave trader. While serving as curate in the English village of Olney, Newton met William Cowper, and together they published Olney Hymns, which included this hymn.

Tune: AMAZING GRACE C.M.
(NEW BRITAIN)
Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

SERMON

“The Journey is the Destination”

Rev. Cody Sanders

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OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

Awake, My Soul

Flor Peeters

*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

Offertory

Henry Smart

*CLOSING HYMN
ASF #26

God Whose Glory

BEACH SPRING

26

God, Whose Glory Reigns Eternal

Unison

1 God, whose glo - ry reigns e - ter - nal, Span - ning space as
2 In Christ's heal - ing touch and teach - ing, We see life as
3 Now we pon - der life's great mys - te - ry— Suf - fer - ing Sav - ior,

well as time, Show us signs in seed and ker - nel—
you in - tend, Self - less love to oth - ers reach - ing,
cross en - throned, Past and fu - ture in one his - to - ry—

Life po - ten - tial, hope sub - lime. Grant us in - sight, all dis -
Pain and bro - ken - ness to end. And when hun - gry folk are
Our mor - tal - i - ty Christ owned. And as re - sur - rec - tion's

cern - ing, See - ing truth be - yond bare fact, Love trans -
nour - ished, Filled by hope and word and bread, These are
glo - ry Shines in - to the emp - ty tomb, We too

lat - ing all our learn - ing In - to power to be and act.
 signs your reign has flour - ished And from bond - age we are led.
 tell the an - cient sto - ry, Joy dis - pel - ling all the gloom.

Jane Parker Huber, 1982

BEACH SPRING 87 87 D
The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C major

Henry Smart

NOTES ON THE MUSIC

The English composer Henry Smart (1813 – 1879) was highly regarded in his time but his music has largely been forgotten, perhaps save for his hymn tune "Regent Square" (often sung with the words "Angels from the realms of glory..."). Both of his pieces today are from a collection of twelve organ pieces published in the mid-century.

One more remark for the postlude, quite a noble piece:

Welcome, Cody!

--DL

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MAY & JUNE

The Outreach mission focus for May and June will be for organizations that help marginalized communities in the Twin Cities. In the past, we have supported CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), Indian Food Shelf, Queer Space, and Clare Housing. Thank you for your donations, which will help support the important work being done by these groups.

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!

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

Annual Meeting today – After the service.

Let's defend democracy! - Election integrity is under unprecedented attack. Join Monarca and our neighbors to learn about building a broad network to defend our democracy, using every lever we can to ensure we have safe, free, and fair elections where every vote is counted. You will learn more about:

The threats we are facing

The actions we can take, now, up to the election, and beyond

How to organize locally to build democracy defense networks, building on what we already have

Next steps to stay engaged with the work

The trainings are taking place at a number of times and locations, including St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church on **Tuesday, June 23, from 6-8:30pm**. More information and sign-up here:

<https://monarcamn.org/training>

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!

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – June 13 (2nd Saturday), 2pm on Zoom. The book this month is *The Perfumist of Paris* by Alka Joshi. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett.

Looking ahead

UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group (formerly Knitting Group) – June 15 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Cynthia Hendricks'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.

Bible Study – June 20 (1st & 3rd Sat.), 9am on Zoom. After June, we will be on hiatus until September. If you have any questions, please contact Diane at dianeehr82@gmail.com

Card Club – Saturday, June 20, 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.

UBC/FCC Spanish Conversation –We will be taking a break for the summer and begin again in September! If you have questions, contact Deidre Druk at deidredruk@aol.com or in the Spanish Conversation WhatsApp.

Caregiver Support Group – July 2 (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 at chrisf2828@yahoo.com

NOTE: June 6 Work Day rescheduled to July 11

Reminders

Activities on hiatus until the fall:

Forums
Sunday School
Journeys
Choir
Bells
Memoirs
Every Meal
Bible Study (meet in June, then off until the fall)

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 marielafrence46@gmail.com.

Garden Team – Starting June 4, we will meet on Thursdays, 9am-12. See Betsy Kerr if you have questions.

Welcome to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Cody Sanders

Cody began working at UBC on June 1st. As he has a full-time position as the associate professor of congregational and community care and leadership at Luther Seminary, he will be working at UBC on a part-time basis. We will also be hiring a Student Pastoral Associate, who will work 12 hours per week.

Cody comes with many strong skills and talents to help us move forward and prepare for our next settled pastor. Prior to Luther, he served as pastor to UBC's sibling American Baptist congregation, Old Cambridge Baptist Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was also American Baptist Chaplain to Harvard University and Advisor for LGBTQ+ Affairs in the Office of Religious, Spiritual, and Ethical Life at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2024-2025, he served as interim pastor of The Table in Minneapolis during a pastoral transition.

Cody has previously served on the board of UBC's partner organizations, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists and the BPFNA ~ Bautistas por la Paz, and was the founding co-convenor of the Racial Justice & Multiculturalism Community in the Alliance of Baptists. He has published a number of books on congregational ministry, LGBTQ+ concerns, and spiritual care. He is originally from South Carolina and now lives in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul with his partner, also named Cody, and their very old dog, Suzie.

The Search Committee will begin its work toward our next settled pastor in June. Please remember that the search processes are confidential. The committee can never talk about candidates; please don't ask!