

*March 15, 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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# University Baptist Church

March 15, 2026

*Lent 4*

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Air, from Organ suite no. 1*

Florence Price

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: God is too vast for one language, too deep for one definition.

**Many: We come to worship God, known to us in many ways.**

One: Some see the Creator in the beauty of nature; others find the Redeemer in acts of justice.

**Many: Some feel the Spirit in quiet meditation; others hear the Divine in the roar of the crowd.**

One: There is no one way to view God, yet all ways lead to the One who loves us.

**All: Let us celebrate the diversity of our faith and worship together.**

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

\*OPENING HYMN

*God of Many Faces*

SLANE

Insert

# God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE  
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,  
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,  
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show  
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.  
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,  
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.  
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,  
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,  
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word  
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.  
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.  
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.  
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

## Peace Be With You!

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

¡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

Psalm 95

Rev. Doug Donley

### \*HYMN

Black Hymnal #177

*God of Change and Glory*

KATHERINE

## "Silence" God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1975

C G C F G C

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

E Am D7 G

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G C

In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*  
C F G C F C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The chords are indicated by letters C, F, G, and G7 above the staff.

System 1: Chords C, F, C, F, G. Lyrics: "In our dif-fer-ence is bless-ing, from di-ver-si-ty we praise"

System 2: Chords C, F, G. Lyrics: "one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,"

System 3: Chords F, C, G7, C. Lyrics: "hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!"

SERMON

“Is My God Better Than Your God?”

Rev. Doug Donley

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### OFFERING



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### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### *O Come, Let Us Lift Up Our Voice*

John Mundy

O come, let us lift up our voice,  
And sing unto our God:  
In God, our rock of health, rejoice,  
Let us with one accord.  
Yea, let us come before God's face,  
To give our thanks and praise,  
In singing psalms unto this grace,  
Let us be glad always.

### \*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

### \*CLOSING HYMN Blue Hymnal #200

#### *We Limit Not the Truth of God*

OLD 22ND

## WE LIMIT NOT THE TRUTH OF GOD

Old 22nd

1 We lim - it not the truth of God To our poor reach of mind,  
 2 Dark-ling our great an-ces-tors went The first step of the way;  
 3 The val-leys passed, as-cend-ing still, Our souls would high-er climb,  
 4 O lov-ing car - ing Spir-it, send Us in-crease from a-bove;

By no-tions of our day and sect, Crude, partial, and con-fined.  
 'Twas but the dawn-ing yet to grow In - to the per-fect day.  
 And look down from su-per-nal heights On all the by-gone time.  
 En - large, ex-pand all Christian souls To comprehend thy love,

No, let a new and bet - ter hope With-in our hearts be stirred:  
 And grow it shall, our glo-rious sun More fer-vid rays af-ford:  
 Up - ward we press, the air is clear, And the sphere-music heard:  
 And make us to go on, to know With no-blier powers conferred:

Our God hath yet more light and truth to break forth from the Word. A-men.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fugue on “Nun freut euch”*

Elizabeth Stirling

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

#### NOTES ON THE MUSIC:

Although Florence Price (1887-1953) composed over 300 works, including four symphonies, four concertos many songs and instrumental pieces, and was the first African American woman to have a symphony played by a major orchestra, much of her music was forgotten or ignored after her death ... until a trove of her manuscripts was discovered in one of her homes in 2009. There has been a resurgence of interest in her music since then. She was an organist, pianist, and teacher as well as composer, and was highly regarded by her peers in all three realms.

We don't know much about the British organist and composer Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895). She was an organist at prominent London churches from 1839-1880. She wrote over 70 pieces of music, including 50 songs, choral anthems, and a dozen or so pieces for organ, including several works for pedal alone. This postlude is taken from her collection "Six Fugues for Organ On English Psalm Tunes". British organs generally did not have a full pedal division until the mid/late 1800s, however, Stirling apparently was a pioneer in both performing on and writing for instruments with a complete pedal division.

#### **SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & APRIL**

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: the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Avenues for Youth, Every Meal and the Northside Achievement Zone. Thank you for any donations you can make to support programs that help our children and youth.

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](http://www.UBCmn.org). Thank you for your ongoing Outreach support!

—Kim Donley & Karole Graham, Outreach coordinators

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See our newsletter at [ubcmn.org/newsletter](http://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**

**Easter Flowers** – If you would like to purchase an Easter lily or other spring flower in honor or memory of someone, or just to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter, please contribute \$15 per plant to UBC. Be sure to include the name(s) of the person(s) being honored or remembered in the Note area – online giving or use the small envelopes in the pews. Deadline to receive orders is Monday, March 30.

**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.

**Today's Forum – The Singing Resistance** – Co-founder Conie Borchardt will talk about the hundreds-strong singing group that formed the week Renee Good was killed. Since then, they have been taking their voices to the streets all over the metro with songs like “Hold On” that we’ve been learning in worship. Learn how to take part or support the group. As music reviewer Jim Walsh wrote in MinnPost, “The sound of this chorus coming out of nowhere on a cold and dangerous night is a healing, hopeful, soulful blessing.”

**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.

**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:

- Affected community members are struggling to pay rent especially now. Please consider donating to these funds:
  - Phillips: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-phillips-families-in-urgent-need>
  - Longfellow: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Greater-Longfellow-Relief-Fund>
- Stand with Minnesota ([standwithminnesota.com](http://standwithminnesota.com)) a great hub to volunteer, donate, and connect.
- Every Meal, ([everymeal.org](http://everymeal.org)) a group we have supported for years, is offering free food to any family at the schools they service, not just the families who have signed up for the weekend deliveries.
- CLUES ([clues.org](http://clues.org)) which has many programs that support immigrants.

### **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!

**UBC-FCC Evening Handcraft Group** (formerly Knitting Group) – March 16 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Kris Felbeck'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](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com).

**Memoir Writing Group** – March 17 & 31 (every other Tuesday), 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include UBC stories to be included in the 175th anniversary booklet and High School memories – or whatever you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have questions.

**Saturday morning Bible study** – March 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](mailto:dianeehr82@gmail.com).

**Shameless...again? 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Henry Schmidgall Memorial Steven T Schmidgall Birthday Albert E Brumley Shameless Gospel Singing!** – Saturday, March 21, 2026, 12-3pm at University Baptist Church. Free and open to public, loaner books available. Singing room is accessible from grade by elevator and accessible parking is available on the street and in the next-door LDS parking lot and the parking lot of the University Lutheran Church of Hope, one block away at 601 - 13th Avenue SE. Questions? Steve Schmidgall, 612-419-8142 [steven Schmidgall@gmail.com](mailto:steven Schmidgall@gmail.com)

### Looking ahead

**Forum March 22: The calling of Pastor Doug Donley** – Paula Moyer will read her memoir about the “prequel”—how Pastor Doug came from sunny California to shepherd us here in Minnesota. Paula chaired the search committee that called him to UBC in 2001. Curious about the origin story of the longest pastorate in our congregation’s history? Come to the forum to find out.

**UBC Anti-Racism Work** – Tuesday, March 24, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

**Spanish Conversation** – Saturday, March 28, 10am at HarMar Barnes & Noble. Join folks from UBC and First Church to practice your Spanish. Contact Deidre at [deidredruk@aol.com](mailto:deidredruk@aol.com) if you have questions.

**UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group** – April 1 (1st Wednesday), 11am at First Congregational Church. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at [mbsnoobear@mac.com](mailto:mbsnoobear@mac.com).

**Caregiver Support Group** – April 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.

### Holy Week Services:

#### **Palm Sunday** March 29

11am – The service starts out with a brunch in the Adele Fadden Assembly Room. We then process outside with palms and finish our service in the sanctuary. In the afternoon, several of us will be attending the Palm Sunday ecumenical service at the State Capital beginning at 2:30pm.

#### **Maundy Thursday** April 2

6pm – Simple supper and service at First Congregational Church.

#### **Holy Friday** April 3

12-3pm – Interfaith pilgrimage to sites of current crucifixion in Minneapolis. Meet at George Floyd Square and walk or drive to the Renee Good Memorial, the Alex Pretti Memorial, Karmel Mall and other places of abduction and trauma in our city.

7pm – Holy Friday service at UBC.

#### **Easter Sunday** April 5

8am – Sunrise service at the Stone Arch Bridge with our friends at First Congregational Church

10am – Easter service at UBC, including baptisms.

**Roots Cellar Concert: Crys Matthews** – Saturday, April 11, 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](https://www.earmilk.com). Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/crysmatthews>

**Card Club** – Saturday, April 11, 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](mailto:jeanlubke01@gmail.com) or 651-295-7525.

**Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group** – April 11 (2nd Saturday), 1 pm via Zoom. The book is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. If you have questions, please contact Chris Follett at [chrisf2828@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisf2828@yahoo.com)

**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

**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](mailto:paulamoyer52@gmail.com) or 651-279-4152.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**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](mailto: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. 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](mailto:marielafrance46@gmail.com).

**Every Meal** – Second Friday, 11:15am-1pm at Marcy Arts Elementary School in SE Minneapolis. Volunteers deliver meal bags to student backpacks. If you are interested, please contact Denise Roy at [denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:denise.roy@mitchellhamline.edu)