



# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

**UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Rooted in Justice, Working for Peace*



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# University Baptist Church

April 5, 2026

*Easter*

10:00 am

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Fugue in A major*

JS Bach

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: Let us sing...

**Many: Praise be to God!**

One: Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

**Many: Praise be to God!**

One: Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

**Many: Praise be to God!**

One: Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

**All: Let all that have breath sing praise to God.**

OPENING HYMN

Black Hymnal #233

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.*

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

RESPONSE  
Black Hymnal #322

*Take Me to the Water*

322

Take Me to the Water

Acts 8:36-39; 10:47-48

African-American spiritual

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -  
2 None but the righ - teous, none but the righ -  
3 I love Je - sus, I love Je -  
4 Je - sus is my Sav - ior, Je - sus is my Sav -

ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
teous, none but the righ - teous . . . shall see God.  
sus, I love Je - sus, . . . yes, I do.  
ior, Je - sus is my Sav - ior for - ev - er more.

*During the antebellum era the enslaved either worshipped secretly in the woods or in small one-room churches built on the plantations. This spiritual reminds us that in either case baptisms were done down at the riverside.*

Tune: African-American spiritual  
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993

PASSING THE PEACE

**Peace Be With You!**

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

## 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.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10

Rev. Doug Donley

## GIVING BACK FOR GOD'S WORK

### OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Christus surrexit*

Anerio

*Latin:*

Alleluia.

Christus resurrexit a mortuis primitiae dormientium. Alleluia.  
Quoniam per hominem mors, et per hominem resurrectio mortuorum. Alleluia.

*English:*

Alleluia.

But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept. Alleluia.  
For since by humankind came death, by humankind came also the resurrection of the dead. Alleluia.

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)

## THE WORD IN PROCLAMATION

SERMON

“A Revolutionary Hope”

Rev. Doug Donley

HYMN

Black Hymnal #245

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

# The Day of Resurrection

245

*John of Damascus, 8th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.*

*Mark 16:1-6*

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.  
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.*

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
Henry T. Smart, 1836

## LITANY FOR WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBER – Peter Justin

President: We are a church that is committed to justice, inclusion, mercy, hope and love. Will you do all in your power to support the church in its mission?

**New member: I will.**

President: Will you give of yourself, your time, your presence, your tithes and offerings in the pursuit of healthy and healing ministry?

**New member: I will.**

President: I now ask the congregation, will you accept **Peter** into the family of University Baptist Church? Will you celebrate with him, challenge him, and open yourself up to the aspects of God that he reveals to us?

**Congregation: We will, with joy.**

President: We are now a new community because **Peter** has added his unique flair and flavor to our church family. Let us all reaffirm our mission statement as we covenant to prayerfully and joyfully pursue the ministry to which God has called us.

**All: Our Mission is to be a loving and inclusive community; seeking faith, joy and action; nurtured by the Biblical tradition, the teachings of Christ and God's continuing revelation.**

## 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

*Hail this Greatest Day of Days,  
Chorale Prelude*

JS Bach

### CLOSING HYMN

Black Hymnal #240

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

LLANFAIR



EASTER

240

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708  
St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!  
"Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!  
This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

*In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most hymnbooks have used that (1749) version. In this new translation the original Latin verses of the medieval text are restored, thus bringing to life the original Easter narrative.*

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
Robert Williams, 1817  
Harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

*Unison*

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sav - ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That the Sov - ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Hallelujah Chorus*

**EASTER FLOWERS**

- Carol Buche - In memory of Bill Waddington  
 Diane and Alan Ehr - In honor of Heidi & Hanne Ehr  
 Kim & Doug Donley - In memory of Alex Pretti and Renee Good  
 Trish Donley - In celebration of the ministry of Doug and his family  
 Don & Chris Follett - In memory of Charlene Follett  
 Betsy Kerr & Robbie Steele - In memory of Laurie Brazman  
 Mindy & Steve Lee - In memory of Joanne Causton and Harris Lee,  
 and in honor of Rebecca, Andrew, Caroline and Evie  
 Gayla Marty - In memory of Lorraine "Lu" Marty and in honor of Carolyn Marty and Kristi Roen  
 Denise Roy - In memory of Doug Roy and Mark Juergens  
 Terri & Ty Wottrich - In memory of our parents and in honor of family



**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH & APRIL**

The Outreach mission focus for March and April is 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**

**No forum or Journeys Bible study.**

### **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!

**Worship Planning Team** –Wednesday, April 8, 4:30pm. Please come and help us plan the Easter and Pentecost seasons.

**Caregiver Support Group** – April 9 (usually the 1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who take care of a parent, family member, or friend meet for support via Zoom. Contact Chris Follett if you have questions.

**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)

**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. Tickets and more info here: <https://events.humanitix.com/crysmatthews>

**Commitment Sunday** – Either bring your completed forms to church on Sunday, April 12, when we will ceremoniously deliver our commitments during the worship service, or send them to church or Chris prior to April 12. (If you send them via mail, please email Chris to let her know).

**Forum April 12 – Then and Now: 60 Years at UBC** – In 1967, the Follett family joined UBC. U of M journalism alumni Don and his wife Char (1932–2021) became active members, along with daughters Chris and Catherine, contributing to congregational life in countless ways. As a professional writer, editor, and storyteller, Don has held many roles, from Sunday school teacher and newsletter editor to (currently) board member of the UBC Foundation. Join us to hear Don's reflections on UBC and Minneapolis “then and now.”

### **Looking ahead**

**Memoir Writing Group** – April 14 & 28 (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.

**THRIVE and Alliance of Baptists gatherings!** UBC is part of the THRIVE grant-supported 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.

**Saturday morning Bible study** – April 18, 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 [diancehr82@gmail.com](mailto:diancehr82@gmail.com).

**Spring Joint Bell Concerts** – April 19, 3pm at University Baptist Church, and April 26, 3pm at The Grove United Methodist Church (Historic Chapel, Woodbury). The UBC Carillon Choir and the Grove United Methodist Church Steeple Bells, joined by vocalists from UBC, First Congregational, and Grove UMC, will be presenting two big concerts in April as fundraisers for next year's bell concert tour to Finland, Estonia, and Latvia. Please come, bring friends and family, support the bell choirs, and enjoy great music!

**UBC–FCC Evening Handcraft Group** (formerly Knitting Group) – April 20 (3rd Monday), 7pm at Ruth Lemire'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).

**UBC Anti-Racism Work** – Tuesday, April 21, 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome! We will prepare for the May 3 forum on the THRIVE retreat and Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering.

**Spanish Conversation** – Saturday, April 25, (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday), 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.

**Singing Resistance** – Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 11:45am. Leaders of the Singing Resistance will share stories and songs from the movement. Here's the thing, if you learn the songs, you can be a leader, too.

**Sound Mind Project's Spring Concert: Find Peace** – May 2, 2026 at 7pm at First Lutheran Church (1555 40<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Columbia Heights). Join us to support this choir dedicated to supporting the mental health of youth in our community. May 2nd's concert is a benefit for CLUES, one of UBC's longtime mission partners. As a bonus, the song "Find Peace" in the title of the program was written by Kim Donley after one of the many school shootings a few years back.

**UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group** – May 6 (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).

**May 10 Forum** – We will update folks on the Rooted Good team's ideas for a social enterprise or other uses of our building, updates on the Historic Register process, and updates on building projects and potential financial solutions.

**Congregational Meeting – May 17.** We will vote whether to remain in the building for (at least) 5 more years while the social enterprise ideas have a chance to occur, while the Historic Register process finishes, and while we transition to a new permanent pastor.

**Pastor Doug Farewell** – May 30, 5pm including potluck and program.

**Pastor Doug's Final Sunday Farewell** – May 31, coffee time with cake buffet.

## 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.

**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.

## 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 [marielafrence46@gmail.com](mailto:marielafrence46@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)