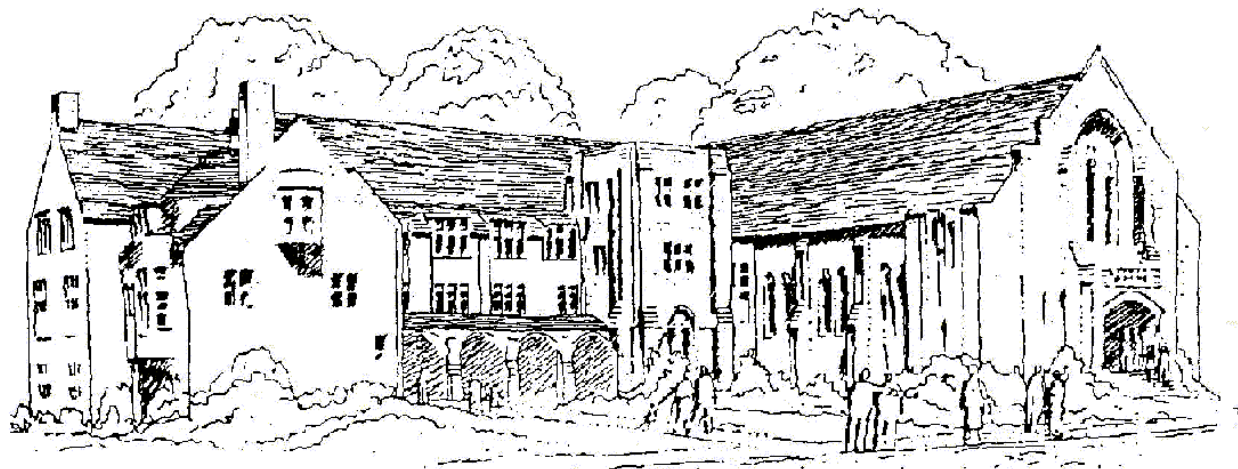


September 8, 2024



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 firearms. University Baptist Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches/USA, the Alliance of Baptists, The Twin Cities Baptist Association, 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

September 8, 2024

Pentecost 17

10:00 am

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Allegro from Organ concerto in Bb major

Handel

Welcome!

CALL TO WORSHIP/LLAMADA A LA ADORACIÓN

One: Holy God, You remind us to order our steps in Your direction, not in the direction of the world.

Many: You ask us to seek Your path, and to be content with enough.

One: But what is enough? Wouldn't two coats be better than one? What's wrong with getting more if we can?

Many: Remember what happens next.

One: We find that the extra thing is not enough. We want more. We cut corners morally as we keep chasing that next thing.

Many: You get to choose -- being of service or being about things. You can't do both.

ALL: Holy God, help us to always seek out Your Realm. Help us to be faithful witnesses, even and especially when we are tempted. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome

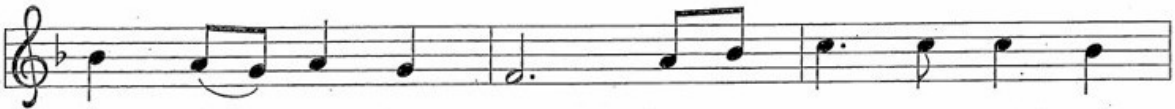
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

¡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.

F C Am F G7 C

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The piano accompaniment includes chord symbols: F, C, Am, F, G7, and C. The lyrics are in Spanish and English.

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

*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

I Timothy 6:6-16

Rev. Doug Donley

SONG

I Stand for Love
Doug and Kim

David Roth

“I stand for love, I stand for peace, I stand for joy and for release,
for what is beautiful and true. I stand for hope, I stand for you
You know our world is in great pain, she needs our loving care again.
But there are those who fail to see what we have done and what we need
There is a cost for every act, and now there is no turning back.
We burn a bridge, we bang a drum, It’s time to rise, the time has come
To stand for love, to stand for peace, to stand for joy and for release
For what is beautiful and true, to stand for hope, to stand for you.
If you’re thinking it’s not urgent, that we’ve got more time to kill
If I’m not the one who’ll change things, then for heavens sake, who will?
So I will move, and I will climb that mountain one step at a time.
I won’t be swayed, I will not stop until we’ve made it to the top
Where we will stand for love and peace, we’ll stand for joy and for release.
For what is beautiful and true, we’ll stand for hope, we’ll stand for you”

SERMON

"Priorities"

Rev. Doug Donley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING



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ANTHEM

The Call

R. Vaughan Williams;
Trevor Lemon-Todd, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Todos son hijos, y hijas de Dios.
No hay judío ni greco.
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

I’m Pressing on the Upward Way

HIGHER GROUND

I'm Pressing on the Upward Way

(Higher Ground)

Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1892; alt.

1 I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, new heights I'm gain-ing ev-ery
 2 My heart has no de-sire to stay where doubts a-rise and fears dis-
 3 I want to live be-yond the world, though Sa-tan's darts at me are
 4 I want to scale the ut-most height, and catch a gleam of glo-ry

day; Still pray-ing as I'm on-ward bound, "O plant me,
 may; Though some may dwell where these a-bound, my prayer, my
 hurled; For faith has caught a joy-ful sound, the song of
 bright; But still I'll pray till heaven I've found, "God, lead me

Refrain

God, on high-er ground."
 aim is high-er ground. O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven e-ter-nal-ly,
 saints on high-er ground.
 on to high-er ground."

A high-er plane than I have found, O plant me, God, on high-er ground.

Johnson Oatman, Jr., wrote hymns while in the insurance business in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Words for more than 5,000 gospel songs are credited to him. Iowa-born Charles Gabriel taught singing schools and compiled many collections of gospel and Sunday School songs.

Tune: HIGHER GROUND L.M. with refrain
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1898

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Organ Concerto in F Major

Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

After the livestream ends

Please stay for a picnic on the church lawn :)

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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 September and October are our Nicaraguan partners and the Tai Shigaki travel fund. In the past, these funds have included scholarships for students attending the church-sponsored school, the church in Leon, Project Minnesota-Leon and AMOS (a ministry of sharing). Thank you for any assistance you can provide!

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 Sam (she/her), Bella (she/her) and Ely (he/they) from 9:45 to 11:30.

Refreshments & church picnic will be served on the lawn immediately following the service (weather permitting). Please help put away chairs after the picnic. See Betty Shaw if you can help with clean up!

The UBC Council will meet after the picnic today.

Sacred Harp Singing — Sundays (except the 1st), 4-6pm, and every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm, at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

This week

Bells and Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday evenings in the church sanctuary. 6pm for Choir, and 7:30 for bells. We always welcome newcomers! The Bells will perform next Sunday and the Choir will perform for the first time on September 22nd.

Garden Team — We are taking a break this week - **NO Garden Team on Thursday, Sept. 12.** Take a look at the back of the church (sidewalk connecting the parking lot and University Ave.) to see what great work Felix and Dorcal accomplished last week! Questions: contact Betsy Kerr at bjkerr@umn.edu or 612-877-2018.

Memoir Writing Group — September 10 (every other Tuesday) at 7pm via Zoom. All are welcome! Prompts include Side B, Car Trips, and First Apartments — or whatever else you feel called to write about. Contact Trish Donley if you have any questions.

Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group – September 14 (2nd Saturday), 1 p.m. The book this month is *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

Looking ahead

UBC–FCC Knitting Group — September 16 (3rd Mondays) at 7pm at Barbara Franklin's. 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.

Anti-racism Group — September 17, 7–9pm on Zoom. We have many activities to talk about, including visiting sacred sites, fall forum topics, our land acknowledgment and related issues, anti-racism work as part of the discernment process, and more. Anyone is welcome to attend.

34th Annual Minnesota State Sacred Harp Convention—September 21, 22 from 9:30am-3pm with a potluck meal in the middle. Saturday at Olivet Church, 1850 Iglehart Ave, St Paul, MN 55104. Sunday at The Landing (in the picnic pavilion), 2187 Highway 101 E, Shakopee, Minnesota 55379

Card Club — September 21, 1pm. 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

Roots Cellar – Kray Van Kirk — Saturday, September 21, 7 p.m. Kray Van Kirk left a career in the sciences to write songs in which everyone, of any identity or history or creed, can know that they are on the Hero's Journey. A fine finger-style guitarist with a precise baritone and roots in the Celtic tradition, Van Kirk obtained his doctorate in quantitative modeling from the University of Alaska. Coming off five years of living in his van and playing music, he thought that a career in the sciences might be a bit more secure. Eventually, however, he realized that healing the world was primarily a matter of the heart, not the head, and he set out again to perform. For more info on Kray, visit <https://krayvankirk.com>. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or at <https://events.humanitix.com/krayvankirk>

Sanctuary Pot Luck Dinner — The University of MN Area Sanctuary Coalition of Churches invites you to a Pot Luck Dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, September 22nd at St. Anthony Park UCC, 2129 Commonwealth Ave in Saint Paul. All the volunteers and supporters of the coalition are invited to join with our immigrant and refugee friends for a dinner to celebrate our work helping those in need to adjust to life in the US. Meet some special people who have persevered and overcome many obstacles to keep their families safe from violence and coercion. Interpreters will be on hand as we tell our stories and share hopes and prayers for the future. St. Anthony Park UCC will serve spaghetti with or without meatballs and provide beverages. We ask participants to bring a dish of your choice to share. RSVP to Bobkessler45@gmail.com by September 20th!

Celebration of Life Service for Bob Carman — Saturday, September 28 at 11am in the UBC Sanctuary. Luncheon to follow in the Adele Fadden Assembly Room.

Faithful In The Fire: The Role of Prophetic Leadership in Polarized Times - Tuesday, October 1st on Zoom. A free webinar to help clergy and congregations during these weeks leading up to elections, featuring Rev. Dr. Willard Ashley. RSVP Here: <https://www.abcrgr.org/event-details/faithful-in-the-fire-the-role-of-prophetic-leadership-in-polarized-times-1>

UBC–FCC Daytime Handcraft Group — October 2 (1st Wednesday), 10am at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) in the Parlor. Bring your craft project and lunch if you like. 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 — Thursday, October 3 (1st Thursday), 6:30pm. UBCers who have an elderly family member meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com

Wild Church Gathering—Saturday, October 5th at 3:30pm at Father Hennepin Bluff Park (by the Stone Arch Bridge, on the same side of the river as UBC). They will join together with friends from First Congregational Church & University Lutheran Church of Hope. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through conversation with the other peoples with whom we share this earth – plants and animals, birds, rocks, water and air. Learn more at wildchurchnetwork.com or by reading the book *Church of the Wild*. 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. This is an intergenerational gathering, and especially fun for children.

Volunteer Opportunities

Little Free Pantry – More food needed for unhoused community members! Unfortunately, the box was stolen several weeks ago. We have ordered a new one and we are still collecting food. Some possible donations: Toiletries (toothbrushes, deodorant, sample sized shampoo/body wash/hand sanitizer, razors, feminine hygiene products). Boxed mixes that only require water to prepare. Bars/cracker packs, Ramen/instant soup in a cup, mac & cheese. Rice/pasta/quinoa, and tuna packets. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Donley or Karole Graham, Outreach co-chairs.

Meals on Wheels

First full Monday-through-Thursday week of each 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 questions, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com .

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.

Loaves & Fishes – Next date: November 29. 1816 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis 55404. Parking is available on Portland Ave. or in the small lot on the alley west of the building. We'll need about four people for food prep between 2-5 p.m., about six people for packing to-go containers from 4:30-6 p.m., and a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you can help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.