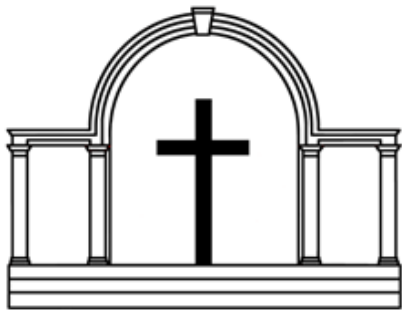




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

October 26, 2025
20th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Prelude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

arr. Tornquist

Lighting the Candles

*We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent
how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.*

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

*Call to Worship

Debby Johnson

God formed us into beings, breathing life into the dust of the earth.
God formed us into the church, breathing life into the human community.

Let us keep our hearts open to the leading of Christ.
Let us keep our minds open to the movement of the Spirit.

Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*Invocation

Rachel Miller

Greeting

Anthem

Celtic Prayer
Sanctuary Choir
Director: Rev. Susan Deal

Mark Cabaniss
arr. John Purifoy

Hear my voice, most gracious Lord. O hear the prayer within my soul.
May the words rise to You with songs of praise.
Give me peace, touch my heart to feel Your everlasting love.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the morning when I rise.
Lead my life, most faithful Lord, to seek Your thoughts and know Your will.
For my soul longs to dwell within Your care.
Give me strength, guide my steps to live according to Your Word.
Lead my life, Holy Lord, in the beauty of Your grace.
Search me, O Lord, and know my heart. Try me, O God, and know my thoughts.
Find any wrong that dwells within my heart. And lead me forever in Your everlasting love.
I will sing with all my heart, I sing of God's unchanging love.
For God's mercy endures forevermore. May my trust rest in God to know the fullness of God's grace.
Hear my prayer, Holy Lord, in the stillness of this hour.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson	Luke 18:9-14 (p.853)	Linda Boston
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		

*Hymn 410 *God Is Calling through the Whisper* W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

Morning Prayer Kevin Adams

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ is our peace,
those who are divided, he has made one.
 Christ has broken down the barriers of separation by his death,
and has built us up into one body with God.
 And so, with joy we proclaim:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Doxology 607	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.	

Old Testament Lesson	Joel 2:23-32 (p.741-42)	George Martin
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		

Anthem

As Torrents in Summer
Sanctuary Choir
Director: Rev. Deal

Edward Elgar

As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels, suddenly rise,
tho’ the sky is still cloudless, for rain has been falling far off at their fountains.
So hearts that are fainting grow full to o’erflowing,
and they that behold it marvel, and know not,
that God at their fountains far off has been raining!

Sermon

Hope & Locusts
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children’s Suite.*

Dr. Tennant

Meditation

Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Benediction

Dr. Tennant

Postlude

Postlude

Boellmann

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Flute: Hadessah Johnson

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Oct. 26 9:30 Seekers and ESOL Classes 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 College Bagel Brunch 12:00 Youth Lunch & Games MONDAY, Oct. 27 12:00 Missions Council Meeting	TUESDAY, Oct. 28 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal WEDNESDAY, Oct. 29 9:00 Work Team 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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University Baptist Church

Thank you for coming to worship today. We are blessed by your presence, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

About Us: University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at universitybaptist.org.

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