



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.

April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter

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

You Raise Me Up

arr. Melody Bober

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

Russell Pinkham

We have come to worship God, the living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, the all-loving God,
who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*Invocation

Lily Gregg

Greeting

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by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

Anthem

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light
Sanctuary Choir

South African Freedom Song
arr. Hal Hopson

We are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing, singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light.

One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:

to dwell in the house of the Lord; to live with God forever.

When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.

Our feet are lifted high; yes, high upon a rock.

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure!

We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

John 8:12-20 (p.870)

Martha Ballenger

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Morning Prayer

Rev. Megan Sharp

Assurance of Forgiveness

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured
that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

God accepts, God forgives, and God sets us free.

Thanks be to God.

*Doxology 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Old Testament Lesson

Habakkuk 1:5-11 (p.762)

Kevin Adams

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Creation of Peace
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Miller

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken; we'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all our mourning; we'll build a promised land that can be.
We'll build a land where we bring good tidings to all the afflicted and those who will mourn.
We'll give them garlands instead of ashes. We'll build a land where peace is reborn!
O come build a land where children of Christ anointed by God then create peace,
where justice shall flow down like the water, and peace, peace like an ever flowing stream!
We'll build a land where those who go hungry are given the food that makes a soul strong,
restoring the balance to all of God's children. Come build a land where all will belong!
Hallelujah! Peace flows down.
We'll build a land where cries of praises resound from spirits once faint and once weak,
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people. Come build a land, my people we seek!
Hallelujah! Peace flows down. Hallelujah!

Sermon

God's Instrument of Justice
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
to attend Children's Church in the Children's Suite.*

Dr. Tennant

Meditation

Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 769

For Everyone Born v.1, 3-5

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude

We Thank Thee, Dear Lord

J. C. Bach

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Percussion: Dean Tennant

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, April 19</p> <p>8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Bagel Brunch 12:00 2-Way Radio Training 2:00 Wedding Shower 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 College Dinner</p> <p>MONDAY, April 20</p> <p>4:00 Theology Reading Group</p>	<p>TUESDAY, April 21</p> <p>6:30 Search Committee 7:30 Voces Laetae Concert</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, April 22</p> <p>9:00 Work Team 10:00 PB&J Bible Study 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:00 UBC 101 Session 3 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>
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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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