



# 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 3, 2026 Good Friday GATHERING

Prelude *Miserere from The St. Matthew's Passion* J.S. Bach

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

Rev. Megan Sharp

The color has drained from the sky, and all is still.  
**Let all creation stand and watch as Jesus willingly goes to the cross.**  
May we be broken open in grief that room may be made for new life.  
**Let us breathe together, children of God, as Jesus breathes no more.**  
Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 220

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
*v. 1-3*

REDHEAD 76

\*Invocation Prayer

Dr. Matthew Tennant

## HEARING

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 22 (p.434-35)

Rev. Sharp

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 221

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

Prayer

Dr. Tennant

Anthem

*The Crucifixion*  
Soloist: Rev. Sharp

Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!  
Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night.  
Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,  
but sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake came upon His Mother.

Gospel Lesson

John 19:16b-30 (p.881-82)

Ray Gaines

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Anselm, I'm Sorry, But You're Wrong

Dr. Tennant

### RESPONDING

Meditation

*Were You There (Hymn 228)*  
Soloist: Rev. Sharp

African-American spiritual

Depart in silence.

Instrumentalist:  
Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano



**Good Friday - April 3, 6:00pm** - Experience Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial in this quiet reflective service.

**Easter Sunday - April 5, 11:00am** - Celebrate God's power over death through Jesus' resurrection.

## This Week at UBC

### FRIDAY, April 3

6:00 Good Friday Worship

### EASTER SUNDAY, Apr. 5

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study

11:00 Easter Worship

12:00 Cookies & Lemonade

12:00 College Bagel Brunch