



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 12, 2025 18th Sunday After Pentecost 125th Worship Celebration

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Sanctuary Bells
Directed by Sheri Owen

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

The Church Is Christ

arr. Barbara Taylor Moore

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.

Choral Introit

We Are the Church
UBCKids Choir
Directed by Sheri Owen

Avery & Marsh

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.
We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.
And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying;

*Call to Worship

Hadessah Johnson

The Israelites crossed the Red Sea—
by faith.

The walls of Jericho fell—
by faith.

Knowing that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—
we walk by faith.

In faith, let us praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised!

*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God
v.1 Congregation; v.2 Choir; v.3 Congregation

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*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

Litany of Celebration and Commitment (see insert)

Anthem

O God beyond All Praising
Reunion Choir

Gustav Holst (arr. Richard Proulx)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown— though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory!
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19 (p.852)

Dr. Michael Cheuk

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Morning Prayer

Dr. Keith Smith

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Assurance of Forgiveness

From age to age, from generation to generation,
God's mercy never fails.
Let us proclaim the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*Doxology 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (p.293)

Dr. Tom Leland

Anthem

The Handiwork of God
Reunion Choir

Mark Miller

Stitched together piece by piece, sewn with purpose and with care.
Scraps once thought to have no worth now become a sacred treasure.
A quilt of love made by holy hands, ev'ry pattern known by heart,
stitched together by the sewer of our souls, a quilt of love, a work of art, we're the handiwork of God.
Gathered here in this holy hour, hearts are full of pain and glory.
Quilt the threads of this kinship up into your unfolding story.
When we've come apart, when we've been torn, when the fabric of our lives is frayed and worn,
mend us up, loving friend, let your creative touch heal again.
All the colors, each design, all the living of these days, ev'ry blessing a gift from God,
and all creation sings its praise!

Sermon

Where We're Going
*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

Journey On in The Way
Commissioned by Terry York for our 125th Anniversary

FOUNDATION

Benediction

What Does the Lord Require of You (Hymn 70)
Reunion Choir

Jim Strathee

Postlude

Entrata Festiva

Flor Peeters

Instrumentalists:

Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Percussion/Guitar: Bobby Gregg; Tuba: Steve Layman;
Trumpets: Jeff Vaughan & Kassandra Hunter; Horn: Becky Allen; Trombone: Robert Graham

125th Anniversary Offering

A special offering for the next 125 years of ministry!

As we celebrate 125 years of ministry and take on the challenge of 125 Acts of Service, we also look to the future.

This offering is an act of service in itself-fueling the ministries, missions, and movements that will shape the next generation of University Baptist Church. Let's give generously, not just to honor where we've been, but to invest in where God is calling us next. Click the QR code to give your offering.



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.

Newsletter: If you would like to stay updated on all the latest news and events at UBC, please call or email the church office at linda@universitybaptist.org.

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Litany of Celebration and Commitment

Matt Tennant: We gather today surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—saints who have gone before us, who walked in faith, served with joy, and pointed us toward Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

We give thanks for the faithfulness of those who ran the race before us.

Keith Smith: For 125 years, this congregation has sought to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. From worship and teaching, to service and song, to acts of love in this community, God's Spirit has led us every step of the way.

We rejoice in God's faithfulness through every generation.

Tom Leland: This year, you have taken on the challenge of 125 Acts of Service—small and large offerings of love that ripple outward into our community. Each act is a testimony, a living witness, declaring that Christ is alive in us.

We celebrate God's call to serve, today and always.

Michael Cheuk: And yet, our journey is not complete. The race is still set before us. With our eyes fixed on Jesus, we press forward—listening for God's call, seeking new ways to love, to serve, and to witness.

We commit ourselves to walk humbly, run faithfully, and journey on in The Way of Christ.

Matt, Keith, Tom, Michael: Thanks be to God for the past that shapes us, the present that calls us, and the future that awaits us.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we give thanks, we rejoice, we celebrate, and we journey on in The Way of Christ. Amen.