



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.

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

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

Sing Hallelujah

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Carolyn Lowry

We are children of light,
rejoicing in everything good and right and true.
We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.
As children of God we are awake, and we stand in the light of Christ.
Let us worship God together.

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Invocation

Larry Johnson

Greeting

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Mission Moment Puerto Rico Mission Trip
Megan Sharp, Eddy Tennant, Phoebe Fant, Hadessah Johnson

Anthem *Jesus, Good Shepherd* Bradley Ellingboe
Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, good shepherd, come, lead me to rest. Beside the still water, I wait as your guest.
O Savior, come, restore my soul; give me life and make me whole.
O Jesus, come to me now, make me whole.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I know you go with me,
my rod and my staff; so I will fear no evil thing.
In the darkness I will sing, oh, as I walk through the valleys, I'll sing!
Surely your goodness and mercy t'ward me shall follow me all of my life, ev'ry day.
Soon I will dwell with you, O Lord, as you promised in your Word,
and I will dwell with you always, O Lord.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-7 (p.871) Mary Jo Hendricks
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

Morning Prayer Rev. Megan Sharp

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.
May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

**Before God with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.**
May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love. **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 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (p.226) Herman Eaker
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter
 Sanctuary Choir
 Soloist: Ingrid Flaherty

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: Incline my heart and I shall desire:
 Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.
 O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else,
 no other, nought else with thee.
 Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,
 in truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Sermon Seeing As God Sees Dr. Tennant
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
 to attend Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.*

Meditation *Amen* Per Harling
 Sanctuary Choir

RESPONDING

Invitation Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude *To God on High Alone Be Praise, BWV 711* J. S. Bach

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

Instrumentalist:
 Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, Mar. 15</p> <p>8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 College Bagel Brunch 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 Student Dinner</p> <p>MONDAY, Mar. 16</p> <p>4:00 Theology Reading Group</p> <p>TUESDAY, Mar. 17</p> <p>7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18</p> <p>9:00 Work Team 10:00 Childcare Task Force Meeting 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells 6:00 Program 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>FRIDAY, Mar. 20</p> <p>Blood Drive 10:00-3:00</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.

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.

Additional Parking: Additional parking is available at the 14th St. Garage. Just scan the QR code below when you leave the garage.

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Prayer Requests: Prayer Request cards are available in each pew rack. They may be left in an offering box or handed to an usher or minister following worship.

Flowers: Flowers this month have been given by Mildred Spicer.

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Newsletter



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Giving



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This Easter we would like to decorate the Sanctuary with an abundance of Easter flowers. If you would like to purchase a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete the information below.

Flowers are \$20 each. Please place the completed form with payment in the offering box in the back of the Sanctuary or mail/bring it to the church office.

Deadline: March 29

Name _____

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