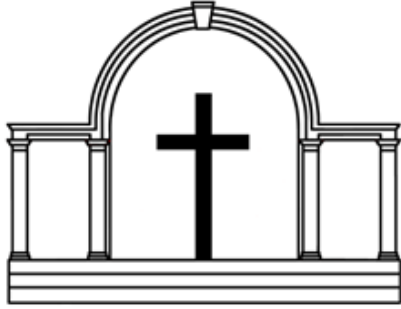




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

July 26, 2026
9th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Hadessah Johnson Tennant

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

Concerto in D Minor

Giuseppe Torelli

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

Luna Ohlms

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise.

Give thanks and bless the name of the Lord.

For God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us praise God!

*Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Invocation		Dean Tennant
Greeting	<i>The ministries of University Baptist Church are made possible by your financial support. Offering boxes are located at the rear of the Sanctuary and electronic giving by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin.</i>	
Mission Moment	State Missions	Diane Mundell
Anthem	<i>As the Wind Song (Hymn 292)</i> Sanctuary Choir Director: Ingrid Flaherty	Swee Hong Lim
HEARING		
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:26-39 (p.919-20)	Nadine Roddy
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
*Hymn 761	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	BEECHER
Morning Prayer		Kevin Adams
Assurance of Forgiveness	People of God, hear and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.	
*Doxology 607	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> 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 HUNDREDTH
*Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p.795)	Linda Boston
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision (Hymn 450)</i> Soloist: Ingrid Flaherty	arr. Tom Trenney

Sermon

Justice Is God’s Transformative Reign
Children are invited to come to the round table in the front of the Sanctuary for children’s activities during the sermon.

Dr. Tennant

Meditation

Diane Kingsbury

RESPONDING

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude

Allegro from the Eighth Organ Concerto

G. F. Handel

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

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Diane Kingsbury; Violin: Ezra Flaherty

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, July 26 9:30 Seekers Bible Study 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship MONDAY, July 27 12:00 Missions Council Meeting 7:15 Women’s Book Study	TUESDAY, July 28 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Bible & Brews WEDNESDAY, July 29 9:00 Work Team 12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
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Mark your calendars for the Church Conference on
Wednesday, August 12, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Worship Online: Visit universitybaptist.org/live to download the Sunday worship bulletin and find instructions for how to watch live services online or listen on the radio.

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Giving: Please place your gift in one of the boxes at the back of the Sanctuary or mail your contribution to the church office. You can also give online by scanning the QR code below or texting "give2ubc" to 73256.

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 are given this month by Shirley Wagoner in memory of Jennings Wagoner for his July 26 birthday.

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