



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH Charlottesville, VA

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.

May 3, 2026
5th 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

"Rejoice" Prelude in F after J. S. Bach

Gordon Young

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

Ingrid Flaherty

O people of God, hope in the Lord!
**For with God there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.**
Wait for the Lord.
**Our souls wait for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.**
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Invocation

Laura Morris

Greeting

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

Graduate Recognition

Rev. Megan Sharp

Anthem

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Sanctuary Choir

Harold Friedell

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life that killeth Death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength!
Such a Light as shows a feast, Such a Feast as mends in length,
Such a Strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart!
Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part,
Such a Heart as joys in love.

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14 (p.877)

Lynne Gardner

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Morning Prayer

Rev. Sharp

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, let us speak the good news together.
In Jesus Christ, we are already forgiven.
He knows us and loves us beyond any power to condemn us.
There is nothing to fear, a new day has dawned.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*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 2:2-4 (p.762-63)

Alden Pinkham

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *The Way of Peace, Tallis Canon* arr. Sheldon Curry
Sanctuary Choir

O may I walk the way of peace: Where there is hate, help me show love;
When fear destroys, help me restore; Be the peace I'm longing for.
When tears flow free, reach out in grace; When darkness comes, reflect love's light;
When grief abounds, show boundless care: Turn from violence anywhere.
May we care less to be loved than to love, to talk than to hear,
to rule than lift up, to keep than let go.
Teach us the ways of harmony: By pard'ning, we our guilt assuage;
By pouring out, we're made complete;
Thus we find the way of peace.
We must find the way of peace.
O may we walk the way of peace.

Sermon The Reliability of God's Rule Dr. Tennant
*At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit
to attend Children's Church in the Children's Suite.*

Meditation Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Dr. Tennant

Invitation Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 772 *Live into Hope* TRURO

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude *Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice* arr. Don Hustad

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

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, May 3</p> <p>8:30 Church Council Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Bagel Brunch 2:00 GUTS Training</p> <p>MONDAY, May 4</p> <p>4:00 Theology Reading Group 6:00 Virginia Baptist Male Chorale Concert</p>	<p>TUESDAY, May 5</p> <p>7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Meeting 7:00 Search Committee Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, May 6</p> <p>9:00 Work Team 11:00 Ice Cream Ministry 5:15 Cookout 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>SATURDAY, May 9</p> <p>9:00 Touch-A-Truck</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.

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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 are given by Mildred Spicer and her son, Paul Spicer in loving memory of Melvin D. Spicer, who passed away May 17, 2025 and in memory of the date of Melvin and Mildred's wedding on May 31, 1969.

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Giving



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