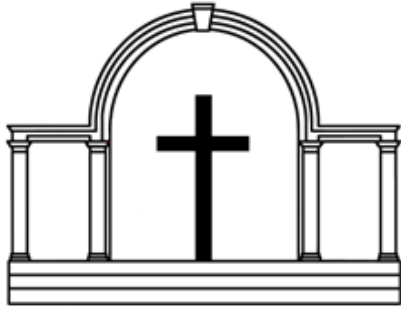




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

September 27, 2026
18th Sunday After Pentecost

Marking the Hour

Barbara Moore

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Lee Dengler

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

Listen, people of God!

Hear the wonders of our Creator!

God split the sea;

walls of water towered above.

God guided our ancestors in faith:

clouds by day, lightning by night.

God split open the rock;

water flowed like rivers.

God split open the heavens and met earth.

God meets us still!

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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

Search Committee Presentation A word from Rev. Allison Benfield

Erin Eaker

Anthem *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*
Sanctuary Choir

Lloyd Larson

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around.
Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new.
When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down;
There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.
O worship the King, all glorious above; and gratefully sing God's wonderful love.
Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord, our God.

Presentation of Bibles for Children and Youth

Dr. Tennant & Rev. Sharp

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:23-32 (p.802-03)

Mary Jo Hendricks

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

Morning Prayer

Rev. Benfield

Assurance of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope.

This is God's word of grace:

We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

This gift we have from God. 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 Exodus 17:1-7 (p.753)

Children & Youth

This is God's story for God's people.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem	<i>As Torrents in Summer</i> Sanctuary Choir	Edward Elgar
	As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels, suddenly rise, tho' the sky is still cloudless. For rain has been falling far off at their fountains. So hearts that are fainting grow full to o'erflowing, And they that behold it marvel and know not that God at their fountains far off has been raining!	
Sermon	God's Restorative Justice <i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may exit to attend Children's Church in the Children's Suite.</i>	Dr. Tennant
Meditation		Barbara Moore
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 769	<i>For Everyone Born</i> vs. 1, 3, 5	FOR EVERYONE BORN
*Benediction	<i>Go in Grace and Make Disciples (#296)</i> Sanctuary Choir	William Rowan
*Postlude	<i>Prelude in E-flat Major</i>	Josef Seeger
<i>*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.</i>		

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore: Percussion: Bobby Gregg

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Sept. 27 9:30 Seekers Bible Study 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Called Church Conference 12:00 Reception 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 College Dinner MONDAY, Sept. 28 12:00 Missions Council Meeting 7:15 Women's Book Study	TUESDAY, Sept. 29 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30 9:00 Work Team 12:00 Ice Cream Ministry 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 Celtic Evening Liturgy 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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Called Church Conference: TODAY, Sept. 27, 12:00 pm
Sole purpose: To decide on extending a call for an Associate Minister of Education

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.

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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 are given this month to the Glory of God by Jen May.

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