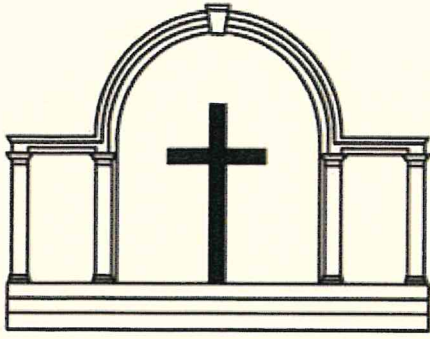




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH Charlottesville, VA

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.

October 18, 2026
21st Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

Opening Words

The Lord be with you

Dr. Matthew Tennant

And also with you,

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Prelude

Canzonetta in G Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

In this place,

friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary welcomed.

In this moment,

the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause. This is God's time.

In this sanctuary,

God's goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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*Invocation

Lily Gregg

Greeting

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

*Passing of the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HEARING

Anthem	<i>Ancient Words</i> Sanctuary Choir Director: Will Cooke	Lynn DeShazo
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Ancient words, ever true. Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope,
in this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts.
O let the ancient words impart.
Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Epistle Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (p.959)	Scott Miller
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*Hymn 36	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
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Morning Prayer		Larry Johnson
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Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.
Thanks be to God. 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
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Gospel Lesson The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	Matthew 22:15-22 (p.803-04)	Herman Eaker
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Anthem	<i>Show Us How to Love</i> Sanctuary Choir & Voces Laetae Soloist: Dan Pinkham Director: Will Cooke Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven's sake. Leave us not alone in hatred's wake. Show us how to love. Hearts open, souls awake, rules we made we now must break. With our very own lives at stake we must learn to love. Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes. Draw us close in our heartache. Show us how to love.	Mark Miller
Sermon	Struggling with the Wrong Thing <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
RESPONDING		
Invitation		Dr. Tennant
*Hymn 644	<i>Give Thanks, O Christian People</i>	ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
Benediction	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (#546)</i> Voces Laetae Director: Will Cooke	Sicilian melody
*Postlude	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	arr. Joyce Jones
<i>*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.</i>		

Instrumentalists:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Piano: Ethan Huang

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Oct. 18 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 9:30 Seekers Bible Study 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 College Bagel Brunch MONDAY, Oct. 19 4:00 Theology Reading Group 6:30 Young Adults Group 7:15 Women's Book Study	TUESDAY, Oct. 20 12:00 - 5:00 Blood Drive 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21 9:00 Work Team 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:00 Celtic Evening Liturgy 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY, Oct. 22 10:00 Visioning Prayers 10:00 - 4:00 Blood Drive
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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.

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Flowers: Flowers are given this week to the Glory of God by Jeanne Nye in honor of her four children, Jan, Judy, Bill, and Paty.

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