



# 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.

**April 12, 2026**  
**2nd 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

*All Creatures Sing Alleluia*

arr. Robert Hobby

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.*

Choral Introit

*Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded (Hymn 242)*  
Sanctuary Choir

Giovanni Gastoldi

\*Call to Worship

Carolyn Lowry

All praise to God the Creator who gave us Jesus Christ our Lord.  
God offers us new life and living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**We rejoice for we are children of God.**

We proclaim our faith:

**no power can overcome Christ's love,  
and as his children, we have received salvation.**

In love and joy, let us praise the Lord.

**Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn 236

*The Strife Is O'er*

VICTORY

\*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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

Mission Moment

Stewardship

Debby Johnson

Anthem

*O Love*  
Virginia Women's Chorus  
Director: Dr. Addison Walton  
Piano: Francis Liu

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.  
O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, O I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

## HEARING

Gospel Lesson

John 8:3-11 (p.870)

Pam Hallissy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 444

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

DETROIT

Morning Prayer

Gary Dalton

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 1:2-4 (p.762)

Theo Gregg

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *Author of Justice* Lloyd Larson  
Sanctuary Choir

Author of justice, on time's endless page, your theme is justice in race, creed and age;  
Justice for all of God's children, on earth. Stewards of justice, we pledge our "Amen."  
Where there is someone unfairly accused, where there is strength and its power abused,  
where prejudice lives, and dignity dies, lead us to action courageous and wise.  
Let it be written we sang freedom's song, challenging rights that are morally wrong.  
From rage and chaos, to hope and control, author of justice, heal our wounds, make us whole.  
Friends of the helpless, of victims in need; foes of intolerance, hatred and greed;  
May we move mountains, as faith lights our way. Brighter tomorrows are born of today.  
Author of justice, your message impart, till loving kindness redeems ev'ry heart;  
And earth embraces her new destiny, justice for ev'ryone with true equity. Amen.

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

Meditation Barbara Moore

### RESPONDING

Invitation Dr. Tennant

\*Hymn 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* TOPLADY

\*Benediction Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude *Versus on the 6th Tone* A. V. den Kerckhoven

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

Instrumentalists:  
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Cello: Dan Pinkham

## This Week at UBC

<p><b>SUNDAY, April 12</b> 8:30 Church Council Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 Bagel Brunch 12:00 Nominating Committee Meeting 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 College Dinner</p> <p><b>MONDAY, April 13</b> 7:00 Women's Book Study</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, April 14</b> 11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, April 15</b> 8:00 Work Team Breakfast 9:00 Work Team 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:00 UBC 101 Session 2 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, April 16</b> 7:00 Deacons' Meeting</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, April 18</b> 2:00 Jewelry Exchange and Tea</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](http://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](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org).

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