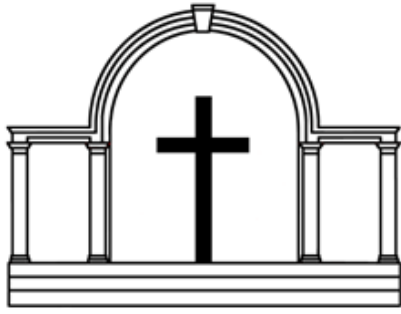




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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 6, 2026
15th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Barbara Moore

Opening Words

Rev. Megan Sharp

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Prelude

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn

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

Pam Hallissy

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here.

Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

Christ is here.

Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

Christ is here.

Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

Christ is here.

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*Invocation

Eddy Tennant

Greeting

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*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HEARING

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (Hymn 529)
Sanctuary Choir

Harold Friedell

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20 (p.799-800)

Michael Steen

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds vs. 1-3, 5

DENNIS

Morning Prayer

Roy Thomas

Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved people of God, in the name of Christ, grace abounds.

We are forgiven and freed to try again.

God's love is making all things new.

We rest and rejoice in the peace of 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 12:1-14 (p.51)

Jen May

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Pilgrims' Hymn
Sanctuary Choir

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
when we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your Grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

Sermon

New Beginnings

Dr. Jerusha Tiller

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

Meditation

Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Hymn 507

Come to the Table of Grace

Rev. Sharp

TABLE OF GRACE

Invitation

Rev. Sharp

*Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*Benediction

Rev. Sharp

*Postlude

O That I Had a Thousand Voices to Sing Thy Praise

arr. Paul Manz

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

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, Sept. 6 8:30 Church Council Meeting 9:30 Seekers Bible Study 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship 12:00 College Bagel Brunch 4:00 Jubilate Rehearsal 5:30 College Dinner MONDAY, Sept. 7 Church Office Closed	TUESDAY, Sept. 8 11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle @ Michie Tavern 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group 7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9 9:00 Work Team 12:00 Ice Cream Ministry 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00 Celtic Evening Liturgy 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY, Sept. 10 1:30 Personnel Committee Meeting
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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 month to the Glory of God by Jen May.

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