



# 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 26, 2026**  
**4th 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

*Fantasy on FOUNDATION*

arr. Alice Jordan

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 (Psalm 121)

Calvin Gregg

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
God will not let your foot be moved; the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.  
**The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The Lord is your keeper; and your shade at your right hand.  
**The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; and will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\*Hymn 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

\*Invocation

Rev. Megan Sharp

Greeting

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

Mission Moment

Outreach Ministries

Larry Johnson

Anthem

*Jesus, Good Shepherd*  
Sanctuary Choir

Bradley Ellingboe

Jesus, good shepherd, come, lead me to rest. Beside the still water, I wait as your guest.  
O Savior, come, restore my soul; give me life and make me whole.  
O Jesus, come to me now, make me whole.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I know you go with me,  
my rod and my staff; so I will fear no evil thing.  
In the darkness I will sing, oh, as I walk through the valleys, I'll sing!  
Surely your goodness and mercy t'ward me shall follow me all of my life, ev'ry day.  
Soon I will dwell with you, O Lord, as you promised in your Word,  
and I will dwell with you always, O Lord.

## HEARING

Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10 (p.872)

Joyce Martin

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

\*Hymn 187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

Morning Prayer

Susan Deal

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who challenges us  
**is also the God who encourages us.**  
The God who confronts us  
**is also the God who accepts us.**  
Be assured that God is with us even now,  
**accepting, guiding, and forgiving. Thanks be to God!**

\*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 1:12-17 (p.762)

Peter Ohlms

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Heather Sorenson

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light,  
You shine in the night.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart, Thou and Thou only, my treasure Thou art.  
Blessed Redeemer, my treasure Thou art!

High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.  
Still be my light, shine in the night.  
Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night.

Sermon

Corrupt Regimes

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

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

\*Hymn 764

*For the Troubles and the Sufferings*  
sung by the choir and then the congregation

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

\*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude

*Joy*

Emma Lou Diemer

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

Instrumentalists:

Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore; Cello: Dan Pinkham; Violin: Ezra Flaherty; Oboe: Arlyn Burgess

## This Week at UBC

### SUNDAY, April 26

9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:00 Bagel Brunch  
2:00 Jubilate Spring Concert  
3:00 Jubilate Reception

### MONDAY, April 27

12:00 Missions Council Meeting  
7:15 Women's Book Study

### TUESDAY, April 28

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group  
7:00 Bible & Brews

### WEDNESDAY, April 29

9:00 Work Team  
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner  
5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal  
6:00 UBC 101 Session 4  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

# 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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