



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.

May 17, 2026
Ascension Sunday

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

God, You Rule with Royal Bearing (#272)

arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Let the righteous be joyful; let them be jubilant before God,

Sing to God, sing praises to the name of the Lord.

Lift up a song to the Lord, who rides upon the clouds.

God is the parent of orphans and the protector of those who mourn.

Awesome is God in the sanctuary; the Lord gives power and strength to the people.

Blessed be the Lord!

*Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Invocation Dan Pinkham

Greeting

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Anthem

Peoples, Clap Your Hands! (#261)

GENEVAN 47

Sanctuary Choir

Peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with joy!
King of all the earth is the Lord Most High; all humanity stands in awe of God.
With a mighty hand God brings nations low and beneath our feet casts down every foe;
our inheritance comes from God the Lord.
God ascends the throne with a joyful cry, and with trumpet sound has gone up on high;
sing your praise to God, sing with joyful voice!
Rulers, peoples, now join to serve the Lord; for earth's mighty ones all belong to God,
who exalted reigns: now with psalms rejoice!

HEARING

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:44-53 (p.861)

Raynell Stokes

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Morning Prayer

Rev. Megan Sharp

Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved people of God,
in the name of Christ, grace abounds.
We are forgiven.
God's love is making all things new.
We rest and rejoice in the peace of God. 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 3:2-19 (p.763-64)

Herman Eaker

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Ride On, King Jesus* African-American spiritual
 Sanctuary Choir arr. Moses Hogan
 soloist: Diane Mundell

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.
 Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No one can hinder thee.
 I was but young when I begun. No one can hinder thee.
 But now my race is almost done. No one can hinder thee.
 King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No one can hinder thee.
 The river of Jordan he did cross, No one can hinder thee.
 He's the King and the Lord. No one can hinder thee.
 He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords.
 Jesus is the Prince of peace. No one can hinder thee.*

Sermon God's Cosmic Reign 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 295 *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE
 *Benediction Dr. Tennant
 *Postlude *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* arr. Donald Hustad

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

Instrumentalist:
 Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

<p>SUNDAY, May 17</p> <p>8:30 Finance Committee Meeting 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship</p> <p>MONDAY, May 18</p> <p>4:00 Theology Reading Group</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, May 20</p> <p>9:00 Work Team 11:00 Ice Cream Ministry 5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal 6:00 Celtic Evening Liturgy 6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</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.

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.

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Flowers: Flowers this month are given by Mildred Spicer and her son, Paul Spicer in loving memory of Melvin D. Spicer, who passed away May 17, 2025 and in memory of the date of Melvin and Mildred's wedding on May 31, 1969.

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