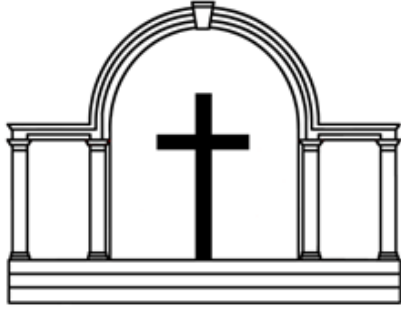




UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH Charlottesville, VA

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.

July 12, 2026
7th Sunday After Pentecost
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

To God Be the Glory (Hymn 634)

arr. Don Hustad

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

Theo Gregg

We have come to worship the living God,

**who knit us together when we were yet unnamed,
and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**

We have come to worship the almighty God,

**who searches us and knows our hearts,
and still loves us completely.**

We have come to worship the eternal God,

who seeks us wherever we are and shepherds us with a guiding hand.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 41	<i>O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!</i>	LYONS
*Invocation		Phoebe Fant
Greeting	<i>The ministries of University Baptist Church are made possible by your financial support. Offering boxes are located at the rear of the Sanctuary and electronic giving by scanning the QR code on the back of the bulletin.</i>	
Anthem	<i>A Sower Came from Ancient Hills (Hymn 171)</i> Soloists: Diane Mundell, Sarah Schulte	John Horman

HEARING

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p.794)	Lynne Gardner
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God!		
*Hymn 308	<i>O God in Whom All Life Begins</i>	NOEL
Morning Prayer		Rev. Megan Sharp
Assurance of Forgiveness	People of God, hear, proclaim and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer. Therefore, let us declare together: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!	
*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
*Passing of the Peace	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.	
Epistle Lesson	Romans 8:1-11 (p.918-19)	Scott Miller
The Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God!		

Anthem

Look at the World
Intergenerational Choir

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us.
Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.
*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing, all things come of thee.*
Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain:
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Shepherd's fold:
Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;
we are Christ's hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above:

Sermon

Freedom to Be God's Hands and Feet
*Children are invited to come to the round table in the front
of the Sanctuary for children's activities during the sermon.*

Dr. Tennant

Meditation

Barbara Moore

RESPONDING

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

*Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Instrumentalist:
Organ/Piano: Barbara Moore

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, July 12 9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 Morning Worship MONDAY, July 13 7:15 Women's Book Study	TUESDAY, July 14 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group WEDNESDAY, July 15 9:00 Work Team 12:00 Ice Cream Ministry
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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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Prayer Requests: Prayer Request cards are available in each pew rack. They may be left in an offering box or handed to an usher or minister following worship.

Flowers: Flowers are given this month by Shirley Wagoner in memory of Jennings Wagoner for his July 26 birthday.

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