

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 8, 2015
11:00 am

Sermon:

"The Extravagance of Two Coins"
Dr. Michael Cheuk

Scripture:

Mark 12:38-44

Anthem:

Offertory — Beck

Deacons: *Barry Wilson, Chris Baldwin, Elsom Johnson, Debra Bryant, Jackie Lockwood, John Buchanan

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Shirley Clark, Sara Simoneau, Colleen Baber, Javaneh Brown

Children's Church: Shirley Clark, Carter Groff

Ushers for November: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Hugh Ames, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Janice & Page Mann

Medical On-call: Marcia Parker

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Jeremiah 29:10



Jubilate Presents
Disney, October 25



Christmas Missions Fair

Wednesday, Nov. 4

6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

The **Missions Committee** invites you to come to the Christmas Missions Fair to get more information about the UBC missions opportunities for November and December. Find out what each mission project is about, what you need to do to help, and the deadline for completing your contribution.

— Will

Hope and a Future Stewardship 2016

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Testimonies

Sunday, November 8

Brett Lissenden "How UBC Has Opened My Heart to Ministry Beyond Ourselves"

Sunday, November 15

Jackie Lockwood "I Have Confidence in God's Leading Us Into the Future"

Sunday, November 22

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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.

(UBC Mission Statement)

The Word

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A Word from Will

As one typically drawn to traditional worship, this weekend was an unusual one for me. Immersed in contemporary Christian music, I found myself humbled and my eyes opened. Allow me to explain.

This week I've been reading Walter Brueggemann, a prolific scholar of the Old Testament, who writes about the "dialogical" nature of our relationship with God. Tracing ancient Israel's two-way dialogue with God, he notes the ways the psalms of lament call God to account, demanding the divine faithfulness that has been promised: "Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David?" (Ps. 89:49). Brueggemann contends that our faith communities continue to engage in a dialogical relationship with God, through prayerful, communal truth-telling in the face of injustice and suffering.

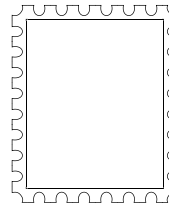
For the past year, I have served on the planning team for the BCM (a.k.a. BSU) fall retreat, which was held at Eagle Eyrie this past weekend. On Saturday, the (very loud) band was playing a song I didn't know, and as I hummed along distractedly, the words on the screen suddenly jumped out at me: "So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise, Oh God."

It is true, of course, that theologies both profound and problematic inhabit the often-contrasted worlds of hymnody and contemporary Christian music. Yet as someone most accustomed to traditional music, I sometimes find myself approaching contemporary worship music with reservations, even a smug suspicion. The auditorium packed with enthusiastic college students felt worlds away from the ivory tower of Old Testament scholarship, yet here were words echoing the essay I had been reading a few nights before, a dialogical pleading with God.

I realized, all over again, that although our worship styles and instrumentation are different, at the heart of our worship is the same God, the same yearning for God's grace, and the same plaintive cry for God's presence when the seeming absence of the divine is unpalatable.

So this weekend I am grateful: for diverse expressions of Christian theology and worship, for the contemporary songs I learned at Eagle Eyrie and those selected by Alba and the youth at UBC last Sunday, for our traditional hymns and anthems, and for a congregation willing to stretch ourselves to listen for God's voice in well-worn and unfamiliar ways, as we "sing to the Lord a new song."

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Randy Scruggs — At Home

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Violet Anderson and her family at the death of her husband, Gordon Anderson, on November 1.

Thank You

Thank you very much for all of your very kind notes and cards during Bob's recovery from hip replacement surgery. Your kindness and caring were so appreciated.

— *Phyllis & Bob Calhoun*

Thank you for allowing me to use space at UBC to meet with clients over the last couple of years. I will be closing my practice here at the end of the year. I will consider taking on new clients for short-term work (no more than 8 sessions and focused on one issue). I have been blessed by being able to work out of UBC.

— *Melissa Hansen, M.S.*
 Resident in Counseling

I received PrayerGrams from many people at your church who prayed for me; people who have never met me, yet took the time to give me strength and put a smile on my face. This is very special and let me feel God's love. Please know how grateful I am for this kindness.

(Note received by the Intercessory Prayer Ministry)

Chrismons — Make Just One (or more, if you like!)

Each Chrismon should be **only white and gold and 6x6 inches or smaller**. You can use whatever materials you love to work with — wood, paint, clay, cross-stitch, felt, fabric, beads (NO STYROFOAM). There are lots of ideas on the internet and a few patterns, guidelines, and white beads in the Floral Room.

Chrismons should be completed by December 1. Contact Sarah Buchanan for more information (434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com).

Wednesday, November 11

5:00 Supper: Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Green beans

6:00 Program: "What to do Before the Lord Calls for You" — Hugh Ames



Prayer Shawl Ministry October Retreat

Five members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry recently retreated for a week-end to renew and create. They completed one quilted lap robe and one crocheted shawl and got two quilts well underway. Over the past four and a half years the group has given 48 knitted, crocheted, or quilted shawls and lap robes to church members and friends who need to be comforted and reminded that the people of UBC care for them in a time of need. The group gets together at the church the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm in Room 115. They would love to have you join them! For more information: Anne Keith 434-295-7822 or Sarah Buchanan 434-409-9064.

WEDNESDAY, November 4

- 9:30 Parent's Morning Out
- 5:00 Supper (Lasagna)
- 5:15 Search Committee Meeting
- 5:45 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Christmas Mission Fair
- 6:15 Children's Programming
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 5

- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SATURDAY, November 7

- 9:00 HFH Rake-a-Thon

SUNDAY, November 8

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 6:00 Real Life, Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, November 9

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, November 10

- 9:00 Wednesday Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:00 Noon Tunes

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Third Annual Music By the Bedside Benefit Concert

Friday, November 6, 7:00 pm
 First Presbyterian Church, Park Street
 Suggested donation: \$30

Featuring members of the Charlottesville Symphony, local harpists (who play regularly for critically ill patients), **solos by PAM Beasley**, and **duets by Alba & Pam Beasley**



Left to right — Jen Bates, Lu Overbeck, Linda Boston, Anne Keith (not shown — Sarah Buchan-