

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 19, 2016

11:00 am

Sermon:

“When Fire Reign’d”
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

1 Kings 18:20-21, 24-40

Anthem:

Kingsfold — Craig Courtney

Deacons: *Peter Ohlms, Anne Keith, Diane Mundell, Jackie Lockwood, Jimmy Li

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Catherine Cooper, Sara Simoneau, Javaneh Brown, Wyatt Minor, Mary Jo Hendricks

Ushers for June: Ron Tweel, Shirley Clark, Sally Chewing, Martha Wood, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Janice & Page Mann

Medical On-call: Lynne Gardner

The Word

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A Bridge Across



We'll take our time as we need and want, we'll linger only to see what we can see, then we'll move along to the other end of the Bridge, to meet whomever the next Senior Minister should be.

I cannot imagine the horror the patrons of the Pulse nightclub experienced in the early morning hours this past Sunday in Orlando, Florida, when Omar Mateen fired his barrage of bullets at them. Nor can I fathom the carnage the law enforcement officers and other first responders saw upon entering after Mateen was dead — dozens of dead upon dead, and the critically wounded scattered among them all.

Our reactions to these murders are what? The victims were gay, and most were Latino men; does our traditional disdain for homosexuals muddy our thoughts and mute our replies? A first-generation American Muslim born to Afghani immigrant parents kills Latino gays. How can that not conflate with and magnify our suspicion of brown-skinned immigrants, legal or illegal?

Fear of stealth Islamic extremists hidden among us, suddenly bursting into public venues wielding weapons of mass killing, seem well-founded. These seemingly unpreventable assaults appear more likely, as if we're living on borrowed time in an old house where the corroded and weakened wall of a sewer line first leaks unseen and then breaks open, flooding our homes with filth.

With the Virginia Tech shootings, there could be no question as to whether the victims in some way brought on their attacker's assault. The terrible waste of young lives at the hand of a deeply disturbed fellow student left us with straightforward grief over an inestimable loss of young adults. The innocence of the murdered Sandy Hook school children allowed us unreserved expressions of outrage and bewilderment at the apparent insanity propelling their young attacker.

We cannot say, though none will be surprised by, what further evil may come out of the slaughter of gay, primarily Latino men and women, partying the night away at a club recognized as their place, their safe haven, at the hands of a nominal Afghani-American Muslim, Omar Mateen. Come what may, we followers of Jesus of Nazareth must offer our witness in this time rife with pitfalls of racism, homophobia, religion-fueled nationalism, and tacit approval of acts of retribution.

My reflections these past few days turn to when, in Jesus' own perilous time and place on earth, others challenged our Lord with similar hard questions. He and they stood on equally treacherous grounds of racism, religion-fueled nationalism, and deep-seated mistrust of “the other.” Their questions were specific enough that Jesus knew the issues they invoked, yet asked broadly enough to offer Jesus the proverbial rope by which to hang himself. You also may want to meditate on his reply, which Luke records for us in his Gospel account, in chapter 13:1-9.

My prayer is that we of the faith of Jesus, “*Make every effort to live in peace with all people and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.*”
Hebrews 12:14

~Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
Gary



Touch-A-Truck
Saturday, June 11, 2016

Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp 2016 July 18-22

For kids who have finished K-5

VBS 9:00 am to 12 noon
Camp (opt.) 12 noon to 5:00 pm

What can you do to help?

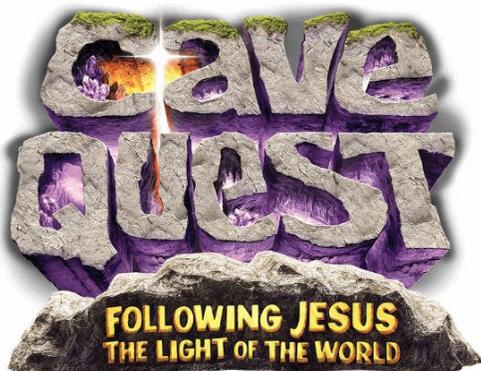
- *Lead a Bible story station each day.
- *Lead a video learning station each day.
- *Help with crafts, snacks, lunch prep.
- *Be a “Crew Leader” — lead group of kids from station to station.
- *Help with Afternoon Camp.
- *Provide snacks for Afternoon Camp one or more days.

Contact [Erin Brown](#) for more info and to volunteer to help.

Information and online registration are available on the UBC website.

REGISTER NOW!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Irene Norvelle — UVA Hospital
Renfro Manning — UVA Hospital

Youth Mission Trip

A group of 14 of our youth plus 2 chaperons will leave Sunday, June 19, for 6 days and 5 nights of *PASSPORTmissions* Camp in Danville, Virginia. They will be staying at Averett University. In the mornings, they will be doing local hands-on missions, and the afternoons will be a Christian summer camp. Camp includes student-led worship, Bible study, games, singing, and a variety show.

Bible Study at Rosewood Summer Schedule

Monday, July 11 10:30 am
Monday, August 1 10:30 am

Proposed By-laws Changes

The Church Council Task force on Lay Leadership Affiliation seeks input from the congregation regarding the May 25, 2016 draft of recommended changes to the By-laws. These changes are designed to make UBC more inclusive and broaden our base of lay leadership. A draft of the proposed changes can be found at <http://wp.me/p3JX6D-1Z4>, and copies are in the church office.

Please contact members of the task force if you have additional thoughts and ideas. We seek your input and value your comments.

Diane Mundell Larry Johnson
Will Brown Ed Smith, Chair

WMU School Supplies Project



The WMU is collecting money to purchase school supplies for the low-income children at Woodbrook Elementary School. This project is coordinated by Love INC in cooperation with city and county schools' Family Support Workers.

You can make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "School Supplies."



Rachael Clarke, Family Support Worker at Woodbrook, writes,
"Being able to provide school supplies is one of the best parts of my job. When students come to see me at back-to-school night, their eyes just light up when they get what they need for school. Often they seem to go from apprehensive to excited about the new school year once they get their supplies. It also gives me a chance to get to know students and meet parents who are sometimes less involved in school."

The Seekers Sunday Bible Study Class will meet at 9:30 am on June 19.

UBC This Week



WEDNESDAY, June 15

9:30 Pre-K Play Group
7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, June 16

10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, June 19

Youth Leave on Mission Trip
8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
8:30 Senior Minister Search Comm.
9:00 Fellowship
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
Joyful Servants Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study
11:00 Worship

MONDAY, June 20

1:00 Staff Meeting
6:30 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, June 21

9:00 UBC Work Team
9:00 Painting Group
12:15 WMU Executive Council Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, June 22

9:30 Pre-K Play Group
7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

Pray for our youth as they join with other youth groups to experience "camping with a mission."



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