

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 26, 2016

11:00 am

Sermon:

“When Elijah Finally Heard Silence”

Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

1 Kings 19:1-13

Anthem:

The Peace of God — Rutter

Deacons: *Raynell Stokes, Barry Wilson, Carolyn Lowry, John Buchanan, Ray Gaines, Wayne Ferguson

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Laura Faye & Carter Groff, Caroline Wagoner

Children’s Church: Cindy Bryant, Taraneh Brown

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

Greeters: Betty Barker, Nick Troup

Medical On-call: Lu Overbeck

Summer Covered-dish Fellowship Supper

Wednesday, June 29

5:30 pm

Bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert.

* **6:15 pm** — Report on the Youth Mission Trip

The Word

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“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

— Matthew 13:8-9

I’m changing metaphors on you for this week’s issue of The Word, and perhaps for next week’s issue and the one to follow. It depends on how these next few weeks go for us as we continue crossing this interim bridge together. For this week at least, consider a garden growing.

Specifically, I’m drawing from Jesus’ Parable of the Sower and the Seeds (some quibble that it’s really Jesus’ Parable of the Soils ... whatever, you know which one I mean, in Matthew 13). As was the manner of the day, the sower scatters the valuable seed across all manner of ground, hardened path and poor patches and weed-choked ground as well. Fortunately, some fertile soil receives the seeds, too, which ultimately bear fruit of various yields: a hundredfold, sixty, thirty. The sower is delighted to harvest whatever the plants yield.

Who can say which early shoots will bear the greatest fruit? No doubt, the experienced sower can make a good guess as the shoots continue shaping up. But do you think the sower is likely to start yanking up shoots just based on a guess? Probably not. If anything, the sower will give the less-promising plants a little more attention to get the most out of them possible.

Bring this back around to my ministry with you during this interim time at University Baptist Church. First, I am not the sower — Definitely, I am not the sower. In stead, I’m hired help the sower has brought in to work the UBC garden. I didn’t get a vote on what kinds of crops the sower has in production; I didn’t plant the seeds that are now sprouting; and I most definitely don’t get to arbitrarily go about yanking up what’s sprouting. My only role is to nurture, protect, and help the plants mature and bear the best yield each might offer to the sower.

When I came into this congregation’s garden, plants were sprouting and well on their way. In UBC-speak, you call them ‘Task Forces’: the Affiliation Task Force, the Spiritual Renewal Task Force, the Openness Task Force, the Visibility Task Force. Along with this growth, there were other plants already bearing early fruit: the Circles of Caring Ministry, for example.

Not one of these Task Forces are in my purview to suppress or neglect. If the sower sowed them, my call is to help each one find its best yield for the sower. Did the sower sow these seeds? Consider yourselves as a congregation in answering that question.

I know you, University Baptist Church. I know you as a congregation who diligently seeks after Christ’s wisdom and purpose in all you do. The Lord knows — and you know this about yourselves, too — if ever there was a people of the Lord who planned their work carefully, prayerfully and deliberately, it is UBC.

All of which is to say, it’s time for University Baptist Church to step up and show some faith. Do you believe the Lord Jesus to be faithful to those who entrust their faith in him? You prayed, didn’t you, months ago, years even. Does the Lord answer your prayers, or is UBC the exception among God’s people? Of course you’re not an exception! So, will you take it on faith that Christ is somewhere present in these ‘early shoots’, that Christ is honoring your best efforts to be faithful?

None of us knows on this day in June, 2016, which plants will yield the best bounty months or years from now. None of us knows which plants will turn out to be the hundredfold bearers or the sixtyfold or the thirty. Only time will show which is which, time and our best work together.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~Gary

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Irene Norvelle — HealthSouth
Renfro Manning — At Home

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Janice Denny and her family at the death of her brother, Billy Orvin, on June 16.

**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 a group of kids from station to station.
- *Help with Afternoon Camp.
- *Provide snacks for Afternoon Camp one or more days.

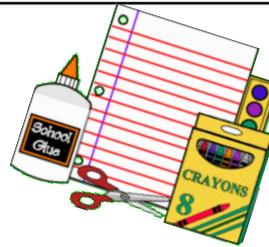
Contact Erin Brown for more info and to volunteer to help.

Information and online registration are available on the UBC website.

REGISTER NOW!

universitybaptist.org/vbs

**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,

“During the middle of this past school year, it seemed like every week we were getting a new student. Often they would come unprepared — sometimes coming from a traumatic move or coming from another country. Having school supplies is a wonderful way to help these kids feel welcome and begin to adjust.”

UBC This Week



WEDNESDAY, June 22

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

THURSDAY, June 23

- 10:30 Women’s Prayer Group

SUNDAY, June 26

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship

MONDAY, June 27

- 1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, June 28

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 29

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 5:30 Covered-dish Supper
- 6:15 Youth Mission Trip Report
- 7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

Finance Report

Needed thru May	\$293,694
Receipts thru May	\$231,075

Pray for our congregation, that we will take it on faith that Christ is honoring our best efforts to be faithful.