

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

March 12, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

"Answers to Unasked Questions"
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

John 3:1-10, 16-17

Anthem:

God So Loved the World — Stainer

Deacons: *Michelle Proffitt, Brad Groff, David Wagoner, Jim Moore, Rachel & Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Lindsay Marshall, Wyatt Minor

Children's Church: Jeannette May, Chandler Proffitt

Ushers for March: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Jim & Pam Hallissy

Medical On-call: Clara Belle Wheeler

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 12

spring forward



don't forget to set
your clocks forward
this Sunday



LENT

A Time of Spiritual Renewal

Lent is the forty-day period (excluding Sundays) in the church year set aside for spiritual preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing himself for his earthly ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini Easter," and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with the joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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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.

Wendell Berry entitles one of his poems, "The Real Work." He describes the creative energy which uncertain circumstances may call forth from within us.

The Real Work By Wendell Berry

*It may be that when we no longer know
what to do*

we have come to our real work,

*and that when we no longer
know which way to go
we have come to our real
journey.*

*The mind that is not baffled
is not employed.*

*The impeded stream is the one
that sings.*



pediments are more likely to dam up my creativity, and my brain takes on more the taint of a stagnating pond than the freshness of a flowing mountain brook. Few fish to catch in my deadhead pool to fry up for supper, that's for sure.

I know the discipline of the Nike motto, "Just Do It!" I incorporate the Outward Bound Wilderness Training mantra, "If you can't get out of it, then get into it!" (alternatively stated, "If you can't go around it, and you can't go over it, and you can't go under it, then you'll have to go through it!")

Most importantly, God reaffirms in me this assurance for the Faithful,

I especially like those last two lines, "The mind that is not baffled is not employed." and "The impeded stream is the one that sings." Berry's inspiring confidence is hard to embrace, though.

My well-rehearsed reaction in the presence of not knowing is Anxiety (capital 'A' intended). My baffled mind is more likely to shut down—a "Lights are off. There's nobody home. Go away!" kind of shut down. It's not hard work that throws me; it's fear of wrong work.

My thought stream does not sing a melody as it tumbles over impeding rocks and boulders and debris, as if orchestrating random noise into delightful notes. Im-

...fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand....For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.' (Isaiah 41:10, 13)

Learn the confidence of God's strong right hand to brace you and our congregation for the work at hand and the distance to walk. And may God produce in us mind, heart, and soul, a beautiful melody sung for our Lord's glory.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~Gary

2017 Budget Presentation Wednesday, March 8, 6:15 pm



Called Church Conference To Vote on Budget Sunday, March 12, 12:00 pm

You Are Invited To Meet With The Senior Minister Search Committee Sunday, March 19, After Worship In Fellowship Hall

Come to hear an update on the work of the committee, ask questions, and express any concerns you might have.

Everyone is invited to attend!

The Senior Minister Search Committee is posting regular updates on the UBC website. These can be accessed here: <http://universitybaptist.org/pastorsearch>
Please contact any member of the search committee with your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

