

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 7, 2017
11:00 am



Sermon:

"Help Me! I'm a Sheep!"
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Psalms 23

Anthem:

The Lord is My Shepherd — Rutter

Deacons: *Joe Zhu, Brad Groff, Brett Lissenden, David Wagoner, Debby Johnson, Debra Bryant, Ed Smith, Lynda Tweel, Peter Ohlms

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Peachie Mays, Arlene Propst, Debra Bryant

Children's Church: Donna Marshall, Chandler Proffitt

Ushers for May: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Betty Blincoe, John Buchanan

Medical On-call: Sally Chewning

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Facilitator: Wellford Tiller

May 3 — The Mission (1986)

May 10 — Les Miserables (2012)



We will look at clips from the movies listed and discuss the issues they raise for us as people of faith.

While it is not necessary, you may wish to watch the entire film in advance of each discussion.



UBC VARIETY Show Wednesday, May 17

This is a **VARIETY** Show
NOT a Talent Show!

Contact Larry Johnson

(lajohnson1950@gmail.com) or

Laura Morris (lmorris@k12albemarle.org)

if you have some VARIETY to add to the show. If you have no VARIETY to add, plan to come and enjoy the VARIETY that others have to offer.

There will be some special VARIETY you won't want to miss!

Pray for students as they prepare for exams.



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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.

Sunday's Gospel reading from Luke 24:13-35 told of the two Jesus followers returning home to Emmaus, a village near Jerusalem. Jesus' crucifixion has totally demoralized them. We would expect such a profound reaction from anyone who witnessed the traumatic and brutal end for their leader whom they, "had hoped...was the one to redeem Israel" (v. 21).

As Cleopas and his unnamed friend walk, Jesus himself joins up with them. Their ability to recognize their now-resurrected Lord, Luke says, was somehow compromised, "but their eyes were kept from recognizing him." (v. 16) What prevented them from identifying this fellow traveler as none other than Jesus?

The unfolding conversation shows Jesus wasn't the culprit who delayed the rescue of Cleopas and friend from despair. Jesus' astonished reaction and his extensive discourse imply that he had expected the Emmaus Two to *immediately* discern his identity. It's also clear Jesus expected them to do the discerning for themselves. They would need to put two and two together, and to 'faith up' to the amazing reality that God has raised Jesus from the dead.

Why doesn't Jesus just come out with it... "Guys! It's me! Out of the tomb, walking here with you! Don't you see?!" Would an all-out frontal assault by Jesus explicitly declaring himself have penetrated their psychic log jam: the fog of grief, the confusion of tragically misunderstood expectations, the sheer impossibility of bodily resurrection, the wholly-

numbing exhaustion depleting their energies of mind, soul, and body?

Notable in Luke's story is that the cognitive opening came for these two not in the 'stranger's' rebuke (v. 25) and not in his Bible exposition (v. 26-27), but in the intimacy of table fellowship. The day done and evening advancing, the two offer their home and their bread to still-unidentified Jesus. Jesus receives their hospitality. He receives the offered bread, blesses it, breaks apart the loaf, and gives a piece to each one. It was that moment, writes Luke, when "their eyes were opened and they recognized him...in the breaking of the bread." (vv. 31, 35) They finally 'faithed up' to the wonder of their Lord's presence with them.

Twice now, I've used the phrase, 'faith up.' 'Faith up' is not—*emphatically not*—the same thing as the taunting challenge to 'man up' (akin to 'suck it up and quit yer griping!'). 'Faithing up' is a process of spiritual healing even from the most profound dismay, as Cleopas and the other Jesus followers had experienced.

'Faithing up' is receiving from the Living Christ all that nourishes mind, soul, and body. The Divine Companion finds us, teaches us, reassures us, blesses what ways we play host to the divine moment, which may become a clarifying moment when our faith uniquely focuses, and we recognize that Jesus is with us, too.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~ Gary



Interactive Family Worship

Sunday, May 7

9:45-10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to participate
Kids (of all ages!), Youth, Adults, Families

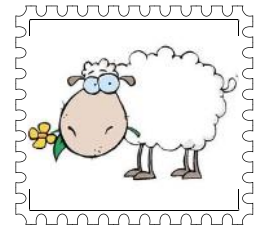
Please bring a canned food offering.



Photos from OIAM (Operation InAsMuch) 2017 at UBC — more can be found on the UBC Facebook page

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Forrest Marshall — At Home

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bob German, who died April 28.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your kind donation to The Alyssa House. Your contribution will help us continue to keep our doors open for families of children experiencing a medical crisis. We are so thankful to have such a caring and supportive community walk alongside us on this journey. Without the kindness of others, The Alyssa House might not exist. Thank you again for your kindness and for helping us help fragile families in need.

Julia Davis, Administrator
The Alyssa House

**Children's Mission Program
Backpack Project**

Needed— Packages of 12 or more of the following foods:

- Oatmeal, Grits, Cream of wheat, Individual cereal, Breakfast bars
- Soup, Chili, Instant noodles, Peanut butter/cheese crackers
- Mac & cheese, Canned chicken, Canned Ravioli, Canned Beefaroni, Canned Spaghetti, Canned Beans
- Protein bars, Fruit cups, Raisins, Popcorn, Pudding, Pretzels
- Shelf-stable milk boxes, Juice boxes

Collection boxes are on the stage in Fellowship Hall and in the First Floor Lobby.

**Vacation Bible School
and Afternoon Camp 2017
June 19-23**

For kids who have finished K-5
VBS 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Camp (opt.) 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to serve as crew leaders and assistant crew leaders (help children rotate through the stations), to help with lunch and camp, and to donate cookies/snacks. Contact Erin Brown.

Information and online registration are available: universitybaptist.org/vbs

**AQPTS (A Quiet Place to Study)
May 3-11**

1:00 pm - 11:00 pm each day

Volunteers are needed to host students at UBC as they come into "a quiet place" to prepare for final exams. If you can be here for a few hours during this time or prepare snacks and goodies for the students, check the signup board or contact Alba Beasley.

Attention, All 2017 Graduates!

Please let the Church Office know if you are graduating this spring from

high school or college
or graduate school.



We want to include the names in our recognition in The Word. Parents, let us know about your graduates as soon as possible.

Senior Sunday at UBC is May 14.

During the worship service, we will recognize all graduating seniors.

Wednesday, May 10

5:00 Supper: Leftovers

6:15 Activities: "Reel Spirituality: Les Miserables" — Wellford Tiller

FREE FOOD! Wednesday Night Suppers in May will be **FREE**. Please consider a special donation to the church in lieu of your regular dinner cost. Come join us in May for **FREE** food and some special Wednesday night activities.

Circle Meeting

The Annie Armstrong Circle will meet Tuesday, May 9, at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

- When you are in the building for something other than a group activity, please let someone in the office (during office hours) know when you arrive and when you leave.
- When you arrive and leave, please **MAKE SURE THE DOOR IS COMPLETELY CLOSED.**
- **WHEN YOU LEAVE, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!**

WEDNESDAY, May 3

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 AQPTS
- 5:00 Supper (Cane's Chicken)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Reel Spirituality
The Mission
- 6:15 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 4

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:00 Women's Prayer Group
- 1:00 AQPTS

FRIDAY, May 5

- 1:00 AQPTS

SATURDAY, May 6

- 1:00 AQPTS

SUNDAY, May 7

- 8:30 Church Council Meeting
- 9:00 Genesis Choir
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 1:00 AQPTS
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, May 8

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 AQPTS

TUESDAY, May 9

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.
- 1:00 AQPTS

WEDNESDAY, May 10

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 AQPTS
- 5:00 Supper (Leftovers)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Reel Spirituality
Les Miserables
- 6:15 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CBF National Missions Offering

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) collected \$1,635 for National Missions in April.