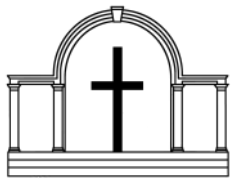




**Moses and the Burning Bush**  
**Union Congregational Church, Montclair, New Jersey (2004)**



**UNIVERSITY**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

# WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

October 23, 2016

11:00 a.m.

*Enter to worship ...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Prior to Worship)

PRELUDE – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (Hymn #6)..... Hayes

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

We light the two candles on the communion table to remind us of the oneness of Christ with God and the oneness of Christ with humankind.

OPENING THE BIBLE

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to the people through the Holy Word.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This place for us is Holy Ground,

**People: The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord, and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.**

Leader: God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames, with God's presence disarming us of the barriers we have placed around us.

**People: Instead, God meets us in our vulnerability, our humanity.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord.**

\*\* HYMN 21 – *O My Soul, Bless God the Father* ..... STUTT GART

\*\* INVOCATION

WELCOME

MISSIONS MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON .....Exodus 3:1-15 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup> So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

<sup>5</sup> “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup> So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup> And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN 224 – *Holy Ground* ..... HOLY GROUND

*(During the singing of this hymn, the children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.)*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*(At the conclusion of the Children’s Sermon, all children, kindergarten through grade two, are invited to attend Children’s Church.)*

HYMN 224 – *Holy Ground* ..... HOLY GROUND

MORNING PRAYER

NARRATION..... taken from Exodus 4:1-5

ANTHEM – Excerpts from *Moses* ..... Medema

*Oh, God, it's a rod again ... it's a rod again ... it's a rod again!*  
*"Do you know what it means, Moses? Do you know what I'm trying to say, Moses?*  
*The rod of Moses became the rod of God!*  
*With the rod of God, strike the rock and the water will come...part the waters of the sea;*  
*With the rod of God, you can strike old Pharaoh dead ... you can set the people free"*  
*What do you hold in your hand today? To what or to whom are you bound?*  
*Are you willing to give it to God right now? Give it up ... let it go ... Throw it down!*

SERMON

**“I Love You. You’re Perfect. Now Change.”**

Rev. Gary Dalton

INVITATION

\*\* HYMN 275 – *I Surrender All* ..... SURRENDER

*(Anyone who would like to explore what it means to accept Jesus into your life, to request baptism, or to bring your membership to UBC from another congregation, is invited to come to the front as we begin to sing this hymn; or you may contact Rev. Dalton to speak privately with him.)*

\*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* .....Haan

\*\* BENEDICTION

*... Depart to Serve!*

\*\* THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND AT THESE POINTS IN THE SERVICE.

If you wish to have your worship bulletin recycled, please leave it in the pew after the worship service.

**UBC Mission Statement**

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.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Gary Dalton, Senior Minister in the Interim  
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship  
Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community  
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Barbara Moore, Organist  
Sanctuary Choir  
Lynn Martin, Children's Sermon  
Raynell Stokes, Missions Moment  
Laurie Pallini, Medical On-call

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**WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We are blessed by your presence with us in worship, and trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

**BROADCAST SYSTEM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED**

Our sanctuary is equipped with a broadcast system for the hearing impaired. Please contact one of the ushers to borrow a personal receiver.

**LIVE RADIO BROADCAST**

The worship service of our church is broadcast live every Sunday on WINA 1070 AM, and 98.9 FM.

**WORSHIP HOUR CHILDCARE**

Childcare is available during the worship service for birth through preschool on the ground level. See the ushers for information and directions. The Childcare workers today are Aimee Marshall, Jen Bates, and Erin Brown.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

We offer a Children's Church for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Children start worship in the adult service with their parents and then, after the Children's Sermon, follow their leaders to Room 210. For parents who wish to have their children stay with them during worship, activity bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers. The Children's Church leaders today are Shirley Clark and Carter Groff.

## **Called Church Conference to vote on next steps**

**Today, Sunday, October 23, 12:15, Fellowship Hall**

(Light refreshments will be served.)

## **Alma Hunt State Missions Offering**

During October we are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. The goal is \$3,000.

This offering supports ministries in and missionaries from Virginia. A portion of the money goes back to the local associations. Since the CVBA (Central Virginia Baptist Association) supports the chaplain ministry, that means our contributions will be supporting the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.

## **Mission Opportunities**

**Missions Fair**—Wednesday, November 9, 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

**WMU Collections** for Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW) of greeting cards, stamps, stationery, and toiletry kits are due November 13. (More details to come.)

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** are due November 20. Plan to fill a shoebox and make a difference in a child's life. Go to [Samaritan's Purse](#) for a list of items for the shoeboxes.

**Christmas Dinner in a Bag** will be due mid December. (More details to come.)

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## **Bible Study at Rosewood**

The Monday Adult Bible Study meets on Mondays, at 10:30 am, at Rosewood Village on Greenbrier Drive. All adults are welcome to attend this weekly Bible study. Communion is served every second Monday. Study leader for October is Rev. Gary Dalton.





The Deacons of  
University Baptist Church

Invite you to a  
**HARVEST LUNCHEON**

**Sunday November 6**

After worship  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Choral Program to follow at 1:30

Please RSVP by Oct 31  
434.293.5106  
[office@universitybaptist.org](mailto:office@universitybaptist.org)

**Jubilate and The Sanctuary Choir  
present**

***Let All the Nations Praise the Lord***

**A Choral Celebration of Worship  
Featuring the music of Randall Thompson and John Rutter**

**Sunday, November 6 at 1:30 pm  
Following the Harvest Luncheon**

CVBA Fall Meeting  
(Central Virginia Baptist Association)  
**Sunday, October 23, 3:00 pm**  
**at Belmont Baptist Church**

**Program:**  
Belmont's "Loads of Love"  
and CVBA Clothing Center  
(There will be tours of each project.)

**BGAV Annual Meeting**  
(Baptist General Association of VA)  
**at Bonsack Baptist Church**  
**in Roanoke**  
**November 14-16**

Register now:  
<http://meeting.bgav.org/register/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, October 23

**6:00 pm** Real Life  
Jubilate Rehearsal

### Wednesday, October 26

**5:00 pm** Wednesday Night Supper  
(Reservations needed)  
**6:00 pm** Children's Activities  
**6:15 pm** "Oh, By the Way, Speaking of  
Jesus": Easy Peasy and  
Slow-Mo No — Gary Dalton  
**7:10 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 27

**9:30 am** Pre-K Play Group

# FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30

3:00 pm

**Wear a costume! Bring a friend!**

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Bounce House  | Candy     |
| Crafts        | Food      |
| Games         | And More! |
| Face Painting |           |



At the home of Robby and Judy Gough