



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017
11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(This week's Worship Bulletin describes several opportunities through which you may express your love for Christ in current service and ministry projects. There are also occasions of Christian fellowship which many of the congregation find enrich their personal spiritual lives. Please contact any UBC staff or the Church Office should you need more information.)

PRELUDE – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*..... Haan

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.)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP – *Sing a Loud Hosanna* Schweizer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

People: Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes with healing and compassion.

People: Blessed is the One who comes with forgiveness and mercy.

Leader: Lord, rest your hand of healing on our hearts today.

People: Gracious Jesus, let us walk with you today.

** HYMN 130 – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*ELLACOMBE

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

(At this time, please sign and pass the red fellowship book located at the left end of the pew. When everyone has signed, return the book. Take this opportunity to note the names of the members and visitors seated on the same pew with you so you may greet them after the service.)

MISSION MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONJoshua 24:1-2, 14-18 (NRSV)

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN – *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (see insert)AZMON

(As the Congregation sings the fourth stanza, all children are invited to come to the front 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 128 – *Lift Up Your Heads*.....TRURO

MORNING PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONMark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM – *Ride On, King Jesus*..... arr. Hogan

SERMON

“Is That Your Donkey?”

Rev. Gary Dalton

INVITATION

** HYMN 305 – *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*..... ASSAM

(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

Jesus Shall Reign/Great Is the Lord Almighty Tornquist

BENEDICTION

** GREETING

** POSTLUDE – *The Royal Banners Forward Go*

The Good Shepherd is OfferedHeld

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

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Gary Dalton, Senior Minister in the Interim

Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship

Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community

Barbara Moore, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Laurie Pallini, Medical On-call

Senior Minister Search Committee

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.

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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name
 2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free;
 3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed
 4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.

to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
 and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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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, Donna Marshall, and Debra Bryant.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2nd graders. Children start worship in the sanctuary 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 Javaneh Brown.

Family Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship

Saturday, April 15, 3:30 pm

At the home of Forrest & Donna Marshall
2356 Scottsville Road

Easter Egg Hunt (4:00 pm)

Moon Bounce

Corn Dogs, Bunny Cake

Bring a basket to collect the eggs, your kites, fishing poles, balls, and riding toys.

If you're planning to come, please bring 1-2 dozen plastic eggs filled with candy to the church before the day of the egg hunt. (No Peanuts!)

RSVP to Will Brown – wbrown@universitybaptist.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Palm Sunday, Today

- 12:15 pm** OIAM luncheon
6:00 pm Real Life

Monday, April 10

- 10:30 am** Monday Morning Bible Study at Rosewood Village, Greenbrier Drive
Rev. Gary Dalton will lead this week's study.

Wednesday, April 12

- 7:15 pm** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
(Please note that regular activities are cancelled this
Wednesday, except for Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.)

Thursday, April 13

- 9:30 am** Parent's Morning Out
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 14

- 12:00 pm** Good Friday Service
12:30 pm Light Lunch

Saturday, April 15

- 3:30 pm** Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 16

- 6:30 am** Sunrise Service – Front Portico
11:00 am Worship Service

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 19, 6:10 pm

Updates Needed for UBC Directory

An updated UBC Directory will be distributed in April. Please contact the church office with any updates to your address, phone number, or email. If you'd like a new photo included in the directory, please send that in as well. Alternatively, Will Brown can take your picture **today after worship**. Otherwise, we will use the same photo from last year.

OIAM Signup Luncheon Today After Worship

Operation InAsMuch (OIAM) is a focused one-day event that mobilizes UBC members and friends to engage in hands-on projects for the benefit of those within the Charlottesville area.

Enjoy a light lunch. Hear about this year's plans. Sign up to help on a project!

CBF National Missions Easter Offering

During the Easter Sunday worship service, we will be collecting contributions for National Missions. Special envelopes are located in racks on the backs of the pews.

The WMU is again focusing its emphasis on the CBF missions activities of Paula Settle in Nada, Kentucky.

Children's Mission Program Project

Each Wednesday night our Children's Mission Program assembles 12 bags of healthy, non-perishable food to go in weekend backpacks for children at Venable Elementary School. This backpack program at Venable provides meals and snacks for the weekend for families who are currently unable to provide meals for the family. All Souls Church is partnering with UBC to collect food for these weekend bags. You can help by donating 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 the Fellowship Hall, and in the first floor lobby.