



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

May 28, 2017
Ascension Sunday
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 – *Jesus, you were dead, But you rose* Manz

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

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

OPENING THE BIBLE

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

CALL TO WORSHIPbased on Psalm 1 and John 17

Leader: I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

People: They shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.

Leader: May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

People: They shall yield good fruit in its season, and their leaf shall never wither.

Leader: The grace, mercy and peace, of the Lord Jesus, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

** HYMN 6 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

** 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.)

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

HYMN – *God Will Make a Way*.....HE WILL MAKE A WAY
(see insert)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

DUET – *God of the Deep* Forrest

Each time I stand and wonder at the vastness of the sea,
I know that there are mysteries too great and deep for me.
The wide expanse of water reaches far beyond my sight,
And yet I know the One to whom its depths are full of light.

The mighty waves roll in to shore and break upon the sand,
Compelled by unseen forces that I cannot understand.
The currents run beneath the waves in perfect, charted paths;
A skillful hand directs their courses, as it ever has.

The ocean teems with living things who never see the sun,
And yet there is an eye who sees and knows them, every one;
And that same eye has fathomed all the myst’ries of my days;
When tears have dimmed my sight, a heart of Love still charts my ways.

When simple explanations lie too deep for me to find,
I rest in God who holds the whole creation in His mind.
I hope in Him whose skill and wisdom far exceed my own.
The secrets of the hidden depths belong to God alone.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 17:1-11 (CEB)

¹ When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you.

² You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. ³ This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. ⁴ I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created.

⁶ “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

⁸ This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ "I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ I'm no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I'm coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 276 – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*ANGEL'S STORY

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM – *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* Bass

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, To them that find Thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Wherever our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blessed when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, Shed over the world Thy holy light.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONActs 1:1-14 (CEB)

¹ Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, ² right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. ⁴ While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: ⁵ John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹ After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. ¹¹ They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son— ¹⁴ all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Passing the Baton”

Rev. Will Brown

** 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. Brown or Rev. Beasley to speak privately with them.)

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *Jesus, Who Did Ever Guide Me* Bach—Held

BENEDICTION

** GREETING

** POSTLUDE – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Welsh Hymn Tune

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

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God Will Make a Way

"I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we can - not see; He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me close - ly to His side. With love and strength for each new day; He will make a way, He will make a way." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

WORDS: Don Moen
MUSIC: Don Moen

HE WILL MAKE A WAY
Irregular meter

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministries Coordinator
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sanctuary Choir
Duet: Pam and Alba Beasley
Readers: Jennifer Wagoner, Laura Faye Groff
Laurie Pallini, Medical On-call

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 28

6:00 pm Real Life

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 pm Summer Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

9:30 am Pre-K Play Group

Saturday, June 3

5:00 pm Dinner meeting for the congregation to meet the candidate and his family and have a period of questions and answers

Sunday, June 4

10:00 am Time of fellowship with the candidate

11:00 am Candidate to preach in Morning Worship Service

Called Church Conference

Sunday, June 4

After worship

To vote on the candidate to be presented by the Senior Minister Search Committee to be the next Senior Minister at UBC.

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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 Karen and Ewing Minor, Laura Faye and Carter Groff.

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 Brent Wilson and Carter Groff.

SAVE THE DATES

Church Picnic

Sunday, June 11

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, June 17

Youth Summer Mission Trip

July 30-August 4

SUMMER CHOIR

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Music/Lecture Suite

*Beginning May 24
Come Join Us!*

33rd Annual Church-wide Picnic Sunday, June 11 3:00 pm

At the home of Forrest and Donna Marshall

Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp 2017 (*Camp is full*)

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

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.