

# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

June 18, 2017

11:00 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *We Are Standing in His Presence on Holy Ground* .. Hayes

### 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 WORSHIP .....Inspired by Psalm 8

Leader: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

**People: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.**

Leader: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

**People: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.**

Leader: God is good; Praise be to God!

**People: The love and mercy of God never fails.**

\*\* HYMN 39 – *Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart* .....MARION

### \*\* INVOCATION

Leader: Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair.

**People: When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We**

**turn to you now in search of your healing touch.**

Leader: God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ, as he taught us to pray...

**All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

#### 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

HYMN 359 – *This is the Day* ..... THIS IS THE DAY  
(As the Congregation sings, 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.)

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash

your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup> “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

<sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

21 Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

<sup>6</sup> Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup> And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

- \*\* HYMN – *To Abraham and Sarah* (see insert) .....LLANFYLLIN
- MORNING PRAYER
- ANTHEM – *With a Voice of Singing* ..... Shaw
- SERMON

**“Why Are You Laughing?”**

Rev. Will Brown

INVITATION

- \*\* HYMN 302 – *I Hear Thy Welcome Voice* ..... WELCOME VOICE  
(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 sing this hymn; or you may contact Rev. Will Brown or Rev. Alba Beasley to speak privately with them.)

- \*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *God The Father, Be Our Stay* ..... Manz

BENEDICTION

- \*\* GREETING

- \*\* POSTLUDE – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*.....Arthur Messiter

\*\* THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND AT THESE

**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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POINTS IN THE SERVICE.

# To Abraham and Sarah

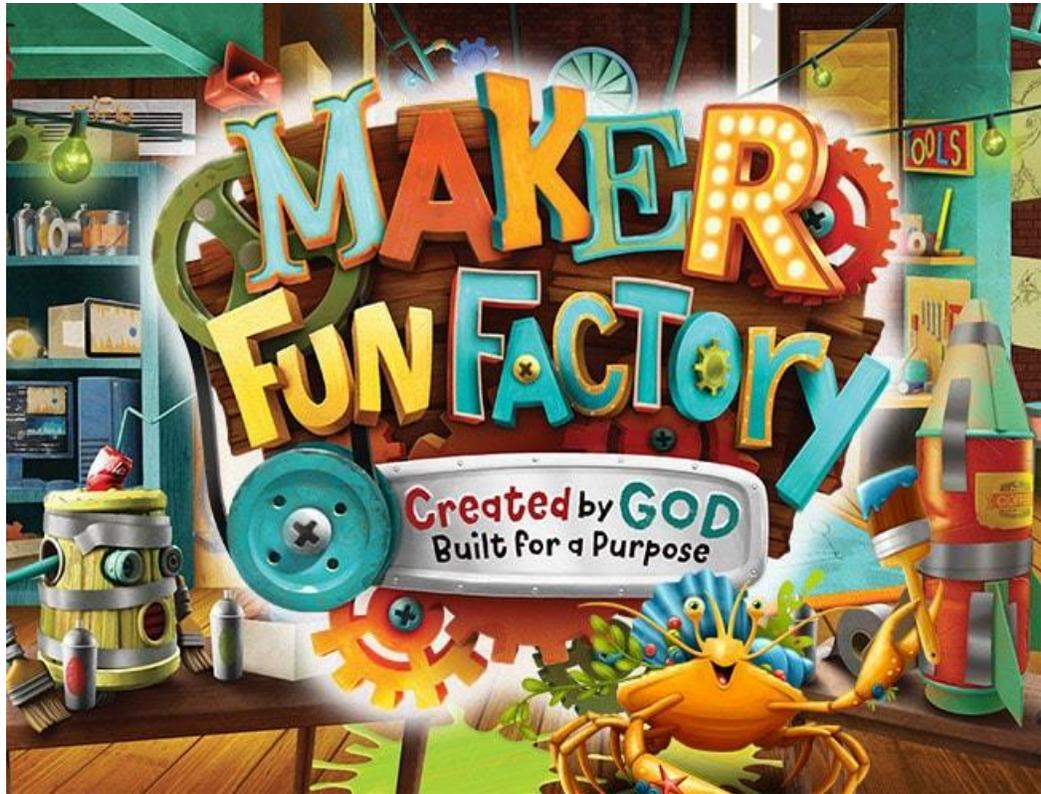
## I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
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**Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp  
June 19-23**

For kids who have finished K-5

**VBS** 9:00 am to 12 noon

**Afternoon Camp** (full) 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Bring your Friends, Neighbors, and Cousins for the  
**Best Week of the Year!**

Information and online registration are available on the UBC website.  
[universitybaptist.org/vbs](http://universitybaptist.org/vbs)

*Church-wide Reception*  
*Summer Covered-Dish Supper*

*Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 pm*

*Please plan to join us in saying Farewell  
to Gary Dalton as our Minister in the Interim  
and to express our deepest thanks to him  
for his service to UBC in helping us to  
cross the interim bridge.”*

**Join the Summer Choir!**

**Wednesdays  
at 7:00 pm**

**Music/Lecture Suite  
(second floor)**

If you have ever sung in a choir, or have considered singing, or enjoy singing, we hope that you will take this opportunity to...

***Join the Summer Choir!***

**Summer Choir Program  
“Anthems of Love” featuring  
the anthems of Dan Forrest**

**The program will be presented  
Sunday, July 9**

**WMU Project for  
UVA Children’s Hospital**

The WMU is collecting the following toys to be given to the patients at the hospital:

**Play-Doh  
Chapter Books  
Small Lego Kits (for age 8+)  
Bubbles**

These are given to the children and are not taken back, so there is always a need to replenish the supplies. Collection boxes will be located on the First Floor and in Fellowship Hall until Wednesday, June 21. At that time, the toys will be delivered to the Child Life Department of the UVA Children’s Hospital.

### **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 Judy Gough, Peachie Mays, Colleen Baber, and Diane Woerner.

### **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 Cindy Bryant and Connor Marshall.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community  
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship  
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Barbara Moore, Organist  
Sanctuary Choir  
Readers: Alan Hendricks, Jim Hallissy, Jack Averill  
Laurie Pallini, Medical On-call

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