

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2017
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE – *Praise the Lord, Praise Ye The Lord*
(*Prelude and Fugue in C*) J. S. Bach

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.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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.)

** CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 114 (NRSV)

Leader: When Israel was delivered from Egypt, unbelievable things happened – the sea fled, and the River Jordan turned back.

People: The mountains seem to skip like rams, and the hills to frolic like little lambs.

Leader: What awesome power caused river and sea to change their course – mountains and hills to jump and skip?

People: The whole earth was surely trembling in the presence of God.

Leader: Praise God, who sets people free in unexpected ways and sustains them through unexpected acts of grace.

** HYMN 56 – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*..... CWM RHONDDA
(As we sing the last stanza of the hymn, the 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.)

GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents¹ was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN – *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (see insert)AZMON

MISSION MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONExodus 14:19-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 12 – *Great is the Lord*GREAT IS THE LORD

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM – *He Never Failed Me Yet*..... Ray

Caitlin Smith, Soloist

I will sing of God's mercy, everyday, every hour, He gives me power.

I will sing and give thanks to Thee For all the dangers, toils, and snares that He has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.

Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm; I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?

And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

SERMON

“Go With God”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

MEDITATION

INVITATION

** HYMN 410 – *It Is Well With My Soul*.....VILLEA DU HAVRE

(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 Dr. Tennant to speak privately with him.)

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *In Christ Alone*..... Fettke

** DEDICATION – *Beautiful Savior* (see insert)..... arr. Fettke

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*..... Manz

** GREETING

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

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Beautiful Savior

Irish Folk Song, arr. Tom Fettke



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Toy Collection

We are collecting new and gently used toys suitable for 4-year-old Iggy Staller. His family was a part of our congregation before moving to Houston. They had to evacuate during Hurricane Harvey, leaving behind many of Iggy's clothes and toys.

You can leave toys outside the nursery or give gift cards to Judy Gough, who will see that the family receives the donations.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969

Music: Carl Glaser, arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You
2. How can your par - don reach and bless the
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals the
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

3
taught us, Lord to pray. But You a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew; What tri - vial debts are
bid re - sent - ment cease. Then, by Your mer - cy


6
grant us grace to — live the words we pray.
will not let old — bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, how — great our debt to You!
re - con - ciled, our — lives will spread Your peace.

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.

Worship Leaders:

Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship
Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministries Coordinator
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sanctuary Choir; Caitlin Smith, Soloist
Beth and Kevin Wright, Collegiate Ministries
Readers: Kelly Kossi, Martha Ballenger, Ed Lowry
Lu Overbeck, Medical On Call




**THE
LOVE
OF
GOD**

Presented by
**The Virginia Baptist
Women's Chorale**

Saturday, September 23
6:00 pm
UBC Sanctuary

Diane Mundell and Jen Bates,
from our congregation,
are members of the chorale



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Please join us in continuing to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

- Pray for the victims, the local officials, and for those who strive to be the hands and feet of God as they offer comfort and relief and begin the rebuilding process.
- Give financially. **Make your check out to UBC and designate it for Harvey Flood Relief.**
- Join with a friend, class, or group to make **FLOOD BUCKETS & HYGIENE KITS**

UBC will be an area collection center for Flood Buckets (cleaning supplies) and Hygiene Kits for Houston flood victims. Details and lists of supplies to put in the buckets and kits can be found on the UBC website.

Contact [Erin Brown](#) or [Sarah Wilson](#) for more information.

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, 98.9 FM, and online at WINA website.

WORSHIP HOUR CHILDCARE

Childcare is available during the worship service for newborns through preschoolers on the ground level. See the ushers for information and directions. The Childcare workers today are Karen Minor, Catherine Cooper, Lindsay Marshall, and Jen Bates.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2nd graders. Children start the worship hour in the sanctuary with their families and then follow their leaders upstairs to Room 210 after the Children's Sermon. Children are also welcome to stay with their families in the sanctuary, and children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers. The Children's Church leaders today are Katherine and Joey Hamel.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of September 11, 2001, by Sally Chewning. All gave some and some gave all. Sixteen years later, may we never forget.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 17

6:00 pm Jubilate Rehearsal and Real Life—Youth

Wednesday, September 20

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper
(Reservations/cancellations required by Monday, 10 am)

6:00 pm Prayer Time; Children's Missions Program

6:15 pm "Thou Mastering Me—Faith as a Journey:
Mutual, Self-Giving Love Between the Master and the Beloved"
Series led by Matthew Tennant

7:10 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

9:30 am Pre-K Play Group