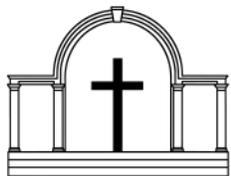




The Vineyard



UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017
11:00 a.m.

CHIMES

We sound three chimes, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones as we prepare to worship.

OPENING SENTENCE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE— *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Wood

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

Leader: The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

People: And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls,

People: And your commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.

Leader: Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts,
be acceptable to you,

People: O God, our rock and our redeemer!

** HYMN 10 – *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

** INVOCATION

WELCOME

HYMN 592— *Jesus Loves the Little Children* CHILDREN

(As we sing 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 21:33-46 (NRSV)

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN 406 — *The Solid Rock*..... SOLID ROCK

MISSION MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON.....Isaiah 5:1-7 (NRSV)

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will

tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MORNING PRAYER

ANTHEM – *Christ, the Vine*Powell

SERMON

“Bearing Fruit”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

MEDITATION– *Lead Me, Lord*.....arr. Fettke

INVITATION

** HYMN 275 – *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *Meditation*..... Rheinberger

** DEDICATION 252 – *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (TALLIS’ CANON)..... Manz

** GREETING

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

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ANTHEM – *Christ, the Vine* Powell

Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener, we, the branches bearing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of promise when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing, you fulfilled the prophet's trust.
And you pray that we, your body, will fulfill your trust in us.

Christ, may we submit to pruning that we bear more grapes for wine.
Help us, when we're overburdened, draw new strength from you, the vine.
You invite us to be partners, growing Spirit's fruit anew.
Keep us one in love together: you in us, and we in you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 8

6:00 pm Real Life—Youth Group
6:00 pm Jubilate

Wednesday, October 11

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:
Defining the God Who Masters—Pt. 2"
Series led by Matthew Tennant
7:10 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 12

9:30 am Parent's Morning Out

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister
Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship
Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Barbara Moore, Organist
Sanctuary Choir
Kelly Kossi, Rachel Miller, Readers
Clara Belle Wheeler, Medical On Call

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 the 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 Judy Gough, Colleen Baber, and Carter Groff.

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 Amanda Ohlms and Connor Marshall.

Attention, Youth and Students

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

COME MEET WITH ALBA AND OTHER MUSICIANS
TO HEAR WHAT SOUNDS YOU CAN MAKE TOGETHER!
SUNDAYS, 9:15 - 9:45 am, IN THE CHOIR ROOM

Alma Hunt Offering For Virginia Missions

During September and October we are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Our Goal: \$3,000

"... Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)



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.

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ.

Virginia Baptist Disaster Response

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.

CVBA Fall Meeting

(Central Virginia Baptist Association)
Sunday, October 22, 3:00 pm
at Beaver Dam Baptist Church

Speaker:

Craig Waddell
Partnership and Short-term Volunteer
Coordinator for BGAV

UBC Mission Statement

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VENABLE BACKPACK MISSION PROJECT

With school back in swing, the Venable Backpack Program is up and running again, providing a bag of food each Friday to elementary children who receive free lunch at school during the week, but don't have enough to eat at home over the weekends. The kids in our Children's Missions Program on Wednesday nights will be packing the bags to be delivered each week, so all we need to do is help provide the food!

We are currently in need of the following types of food:

Easy meals: mac-n-cheese, ramen noodles, Cup-o-Noodles, canned soup, canned chicken, Chef Boyardee, etc.

Fruit: applesauce, individual servings of peaches/pears/mixed fruit, raisins

Milk: shelf-stable milk in individual servings (like Horizon or Organic Valley)

Juice: juice boxes, Caprisuns, or other juices in individual servings

Other foods: individually-packaged breakfast items (cereal, protein bars, oatmeal, grits, etc) and individually-packaged snacks (packs of sandwich crackers, Goldfish, pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, etc.).

We also need brown paper grocery bags with handles to help package and deliver the food. Collection boxes will be located in the First Floor Lobby and Fellowship Hall.

Looking Ahead . . .

Jubilate Variety Show

Friday, October 13, 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, October 25, 6:15 pm

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29

3:00 pm

At the home of
Judy and Robby

Bounce House
Crafts
Games

Face Painting
Candy
Food And More

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