



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
September 22, 2024
18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Marking the Hour

Barbara Moore

We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert

Lighting the Candles

We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.

Opening the Bible

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

Call to Worship

Be Not Afraid
(Based on Isaiah 43:1-4)
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you.
Be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

*Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Invocation

Rev. Elizabeth Rickert Dowdy

Greeting

Rev. Rickert Dowdy

Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row, so that we have a record of your presence with us today.

HEARING

Epistle Lesson	James 3:13-18 (p. 982)	Lily Gregg
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!		
*Hymn 769	<i>For Everyone Born</i>	FOR EVERYONE BORN
Morning Prayer		Rev. Susan Deal
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*Doxology 607	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
Gospel Lesson	Mark 9:33-37 (p. 821)	Herman Eaker
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!		
Anthem	<i>We Are Not Alone</i> Sanctuary Choir Soloist: Laura Martindale	Pepper Choplin
Sermon	Working Together for the Good of All <i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may join Elizabeth for Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.</i>	Dr. Tennant

RESPONDING

Meditation		Barbara Moore
Blessing of the Officers Litany		Dr. Tennant, Rev. Deal, Rev. Rickert Dowdy
	We have gathered today to worship, to lift our voices in praise. Even as we gather, we recognize the broken world in which we live. Yet, this is a space where we seek to bring hope into this broken world. Where does this hope come from? Our hope is in Christ Jesus. Through his life, death, and resurrection, we can be reconciled to one another and to God. What does reconciliation look like? Neighbors loving neighbors as themselves. We want a reconciled, flourishing community where people can love one another. To build such a community, we need safe spaces. To have safe spaces, we need people to create them. Some important partners in creating safe spaces to build community are the law enforcement officers. We thank God for the people who are willing to serve and protect our community. We lift them up in our prayers. We ask God to protect them and give them wisdom. We pray for peace in our community. We pray for reconciliation and for God to overcome the differences people have with one another. We pray for unity where there is division, and we ask God to help all of us see the humanity in each other. We pray for special protection for those who willingly put themselves in harm's way. God help us be as one and bless these officers as they serve and protect our community, guiding them with wisdom, strength, and compassion.	

Choral Blessing *Peace Pilgrim's Prayer* Shawn Kirchner
Combined Choirs
Soloist: Ingrid Flaherty

Invitation Dr. Tennant

*Hymn (see insert) *The Servant Song* BEACH SPRING

GOING

*Benediction Dr. Tennant

*Postlude *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* arr. Page

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Instrumentalist:
Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, September 22

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
12:00 Ice Cream Fellowship

MONDAY, September 23

12:30 Mission Council Meeting
7:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, September 24

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 25

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 "The Great Dechurching"
6:00 Music & Missions
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Honoring Our
Police
Officers



We thank all of our guests for joining us this morning
for this Blessing of the Officers worship service.
We invite you to join us at the close of the service
for a time of fellowship and some ice cream
in the narthex and on the front steps

University Baptist Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

About Us: University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at universitybaptist.org.

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The Servant Song

"If anyone wants to be first, he must be ... servant of all" — Mark 9:35 NIV

1. We are trav - 'lers on a jour - ney, Fel - low pil - grims on the road;
2. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as Christ to you;
3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;

We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
I will share your joy and sor - row, Till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.

I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time of your fear;
Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as Christ to you;
When we sing to God in heav - en, We shall find such har - mo - ny,

I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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BEACH SPRING

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