



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
September 15, 2024
Feast of the Holy Cross

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

Rev. Elizabeth Rickert Dowdy

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

Prelude

Allegro from Concerto in G

J.S. Bach

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

George Martin

Let us glory in the Cross.
We praise you, O God!
The Cross of Jesus Christ!
We follow you, O Christ!
The Cross has become "the tree of life."
We lift our hearts to you, O God!

*Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Invocation

Larry Johnson

Greeting

Larry Johnson

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

Gospel Lesson	John 3:13-17 (p. 864)	Calvin Gregg
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!		
*Hymn 213	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	RATHBUN
Morning Prayer	<i>The ministries of University Baptist Church are made possible by your financial support. Offering boxes are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, and electronic giving is on our Facebook page and at universitybaptist.org/give.</i>	Rev. Susan Deal
*Doxology 607	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD HUNDREDTH
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:17-31 (p. 926-27)	Laura Morris
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!		
Anthem	<i>This is My Word</i> Sanctuary Choir	Pepper Choplin
<p>As the snow falls from heaven as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word. As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word. And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; it will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word.</p> <p>As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word. Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive, so is my Word, so is my Word. And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty, it will bless the earth wherever it is heard, this is my Word, this is my Word.</p> <p>O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain, my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim. Proclaim the Word, and you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace, and the hills will break before you into song. So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you. And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done, I'll say well done, I'll say well done, well done!</p> <p>As the snow falls from heaven and the rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word.</p>		
Sermon	The Sign of the Cross	Dr. Scott Spencer
<i>At this time, children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade may join Elizabeth for Worship+Wonder in the Children's Suite.</i>		

RESPONDING

Meditation		Barbara Moore
Stewardship Moment	Debby Johnson	
Invitation	<i>If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.</i>	Rev. Deal
*Hymn 223	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	HAMBURG

GOING

*Benediction

Rev. Rickert Dowdy

*Postlude

Sing Joyfully to the Lord, You Righteous (Ps. 33)

G.F. Handel

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

Instrumentalist:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, September 15

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
4:30 Jubilate Rehearsal
6:00 Jubilate Dinner

MONDAY, September 16

7:00 Theology Reading Group

TUESDAY, September 17

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 18

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

FRIDAY- SAT., September 20-21

Jubilate Fall Retreat

We welcome Dr. Scott Spencer to our pulpit this morning.

Scott is the New Testament General Editor for *The SBL Study Bible*. He was a tenured professor at both Wingate University in North Carolina and the Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond and has authored several books including commentaries on *Song of Songs, Mark, Luke, and Acts*, and recent volumes on *Passions of the Christ* and *Seven Challenges that Shaped the New Testament*. He regularly teaches and preaches in area churches and has served several interim pastorates. He has also acted in university, seminary, and community theater produc-

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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