SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

April 24, 2016 11:00 am

Sermon:

"A Bit of Undigested Beef, A Fragment of Underdone Potato" Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Acts 11:1-18

Anthem:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

— Rutter

Deacons: *John Buchanan, Alice Batten, Barry Wilson, David Hendon, Lynda

Tweel, Debby Johnson

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Jennifer Wagoner, Catherine Cooper, Kelley Sivley, Kelly Kossi, Emily Morris Children's Church: Pam Hallissy,

Tavaneh Brown

Ushers for April: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Hugh Ames,

Ron Tweel

Greeters: Janice & Page Mann Medical On-call: Sally Chewning





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A Bridge Across

A bridge across is the best way I can describe what this interim time is about. This photo-



graph is one I took of the Brooklyn Bridge in 2012 when Karen and I visited our daughter, Emily, now a five-year Brooklynite. While Emily worked on this particularly fine September afternoon, Karen and I walked the Brooklyn Bridge across the East River, from the Brooklyn side over to Manhattan (thence by taxi to meet up with Em). With the Brooklyn Bridge as my metaphor, I'll offer these observations as we begin our time as Interim Pastor and Congregation.

Similar, but not the same. Google-search "photos of the Brooklyn Bridge," and you will turn up pictures bearing a remarkable resemblance

to this one I took. That's because this spot offers an iconic view of the Bridge...the double grand arches with the U.S. flag posted atop, the quaint lamppost, the merging perspective of the bridge-cables, the new Freedom Tower off to the left. But, they're not the same photos, at least not to Karen and me. This photo records when we ourselves stood on this spot, taking in the panorama, and when we walked the Bridge over the East River. This photo recalls for us a special visit with our daughter, as she guided us around the Big Apple. No one else's Brooklyn Bridge photo does that

We at University Baptist Church will travel the Bridge across these interim months in a way very similar to the one many other congregations have traveled before us... similar steps and distance, a successful crossing to the other side, the same sense of accomplishment and readiness for a different mode of travel once we get across. As well-traveled and well-known as the Interim Bridge is, though, it's not the same for us as for those other churches. This is UBC's own trip across the Bridge. This will be <u>our</u> experience and not another congregation's. And we'll make our way over in the time and manner suited to who we are: similar, but not the same.

No Parking or Camping allowed! Karen and I walked across the Brooklyn Bridge. We could, if we had dared, have roller-skated across as others were doing. We could have bicycled across. We could have driven our car or hailed a taxi. Walkers, skaters, and cyclists can go the pace that works for them, taking in the scenes as they go. Drivers go with the flow of traffic and still get in plenty of good views. However, you can't pull your car over to the curb and park on the bridge...No Parking allowed! If you're walking, skating, or pedaling, you can stop and gaze as long as you want, but you can't pitch a tent and stay put...No Camping allowed!

These months will allow us to catch a view of church life that we can't get from either start or finish. These perspectives only come as we cross the Bridge, and they can be something marvelous to experience. But, let's be clear as we head out across Interim Bridge...No Parking and No Camping allowed! We'll take our time as we need and want, we'll linger only to see what we can see, and then we move along to the other end of the Bridge, there to join up with whomever will be your next Senior Pastor

It will be my great pleasure and privilege to cross the Interim Bridge with you. Thanks for the invitation!

~ Gary



Church-wide Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 24 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by **Jubilate**

- No reservations needed!
- No cost!
- Donations will be accepted to help fund Jubilate.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Lane Lynch — MJH

CBF National Missions Emphasis

During April we are collecting contributions for National Missions. Our goal is \$4000. The WMU is again focusing its emphasis on the CBF missions activities of Paula Settle in Nada, Kentucky, who ministers to two of the poorest counties in our country.

AQPTS (A Quiet Place to Study) May 4-12 1:00 pm-11:00 pm each day

Volunteers are needed to host students at UBC as they come into "a quiet place" to prepare for final exams. If you can be here for a few hours during this time or prepare snacks

and goodies for the students, check the signup board or contact Alba Beasley.

Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp 2016 July 18-22

For kids who have finished K-5 VBS 9:00 am to12:00 noon Camp (opt.) 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

Volunteers are needed <u>to serve</u> as crew leaders and assistant crew leaders (help children rotate through the stations), <u>to help</u> with lunch and camp, and <u>to donate</u> cookies/snacks. Contact Erin Brown.

Information and online registration are available on the UBC website.



REGISTER NOW!

universitybaptist.org/ vbs

Registration will be opened up to the community next week.

Ray & Gladys Lang Memorial Golf & Putt Putt Event

Sunday, May 1, 3:00 pm

At Pen Park (\$20) and Putt Putt (\$5)
Contact Larry Johnson, Laura Morris, or the Church Office.

Variety Show

Wednesday, May 18 Contact Larry Johnson or Laura Morris.



Youth

<u>Mission Trip</u> — Deposits and final reservations are due April 24.

Guys & Girls Night at Real Life Sunday, April 24

Wear comfortable clothing and prepare to have fun!

Wednesday, April 27

5:00 Supper: Chili, Salad, Corn-

bread

6:15 Program: Camp Alkulana Presentation — Beth Wright, Director

Attention! All 2016 Graduates

Please let Sarah Wilson or the Church Office know if you are graduating this spring from

college or graduate school or high school.

Senior Sunday at UBC is May 15.

During the worship service, we will recognize all graduating seniors. We also want to include the names in our recognition in The Word. Parents, let us know about your graduates as soon as possible.

Pray for guidance as we "head out across Interim Bridge."

WEDNESDAY, April 20

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Turkey)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 "UBC Through the Civil Rights Era — Sharing our Stories"
- 6:15 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 21

10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, April 24

- 9:00 Church-wide Breakfast
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:30 LTT Meeting
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, April 25

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, April 26

- 9:00 Tuesday Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 27

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 5:00 Supper (Chili)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Camp Alkulana Presentation
- 6:15 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Financial Report

Needed to date \$176,216 Receipts to date \$141,396

Church Directories are available!

Vestibule — Sunday mornings Fellowship Hall — Wednesdays Church Office — during the week

Camper Kits for Camp Alkulana DUE APRIL 24!

Check the 2016-04-12 issue of The Word or the UBC website for the list of items to put in the shoebox.