

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 20, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Irrevocable Gifts”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Anthems:

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
— Mendelssohn

If God Be For Us — McCormick

Deacons: *Ed Smith, Anne Keith, Debra Bryant, Jack Averill, Martha Ballenger, Rachel Miller

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Catherine Cooper, Mary Jo Hendricks

Children’s Church: Brent Wilson, Carter Groff

Ushers for August: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Barbara Fuller, Scott Morris, Ray Kauffman

Medical On Call: Sally Chewning

The Word

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On Watch

Reacting to the World (& Seeing God)

The spotlight shined on Charlottesville this weekend. Violence drew the media’s insatiable thirst for sensationalism. A man killed a woman and injured 19 others. Two police officers died when their helicopter crashed. These events are the tip of the iceberg. More people hurt other people. Some people shouted angry and insulting words. In the midst of the chaos, our humanity suffered. It was not a devastating blow. The city will recover. In many ways, it recovered the same day. After the marchers and protesters went home, people returned to normal downtown life.

Social media, digital media, and old media focused on the negative. Friends contacted me to ask about Charlottesville. People rushed to quench the media thirst. And, where was God? People shouted, *I was there*. Or, they said, *I knew someone who was*. But, what about God? Was God present during the chaos? Clergy representing the presence of God in the world provided safe space inside a Methodist church. Then, they went home. On Sunday, many churches responded to the events. Ministers spoke of love, unity, and God’s presence in the world. Again, where was God?

When we live in the world, we have the opportunity to see God. We do not need major, catastrophic events to bring us to God. The psalmist writes, “Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee

from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there . . . If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,’ even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you” (139:7-8, 11-12). God was present during the rally/protest. Later, when Emancipation Park grew silent, God was still there. The next day, on the Rivanna Trail, God was present. God is present everywhere.

When we see problems, we can react. False ideologies built on hatred and bigotry erode communities. Addressing hatred requires tact and patience. Addressing hatred with hateful words is unproductive. For example, we prayed for the family and friends of Heather Heyer. She was the woman who died during the protests on Saturday. What would happen if we prayed for the young man accused of killing her? Jesus says to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44). His name is James Alex Fields, Jr. He is from Ohio and his mother said she did not know he was a white supremacist. She must be heartbroken. What if we see a murderer as a child of God who cannot, like the psalmist says, escape from God’s presence? Let us prayerfully consider these questions together.

Peace,
~ Matt

Interactive Family Worship Service

Sunday, August 20

9:45 am in the Sanctuary

*Everyone is invited to participate . . .
Kids (of all ages), Youth, Adults, Families*



*In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of hate, I choose love.*



Video on the UBC Facebook page

Church-wide Pool Party, Hot Dog Cookout &

Homemade Ice Cream Social (& Real Life Graduation and Promotion)

Sunday, August 20

Home of Robby and Judy Gough
3535 Brinnington Road, Free Union

3:00 pm
5:00 pm

Swimming & Fellowship
Cook Hot Dogs
Serve Homemade Ice Cream



Bring drinks, chips, cookies or brownies. Bring chairs and blankets to sit on.
Let Judy know if you can bring a freezer of homemade ice cream.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



**Have a student in Grades 6-12?
 Interested in our youth group?**



Contact Sarah Wilson
swilson@universitybaptist.org

THIS WEEK



THURSDAY, August 17

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, August 20

9:00 Fellowship
 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
 9:45 Interactive Family Worship
 9:45 Bible Study
 11:00 Worship Service
 3:00 Homemade Ice Cream Social

TUESDAY, August 22

9:00 UBC Work Team
 9:00 Painting Group
 10:15 Staff Meeting
 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting



WMU School Supplies Project

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school supplies fund. We have purchased all of the supplies needed for the low-income students at Woodbrook Elementary School. We also have money on hand to cover needs that might come up during the year (and they will!).

— Diane Mundell
 WMU Chair

UBC Parking Lot Usage Update

- New signage and cash collection boxes have been installed in our parking lots.
- We are now offering paid parking to the community in partnership with PVPC.
- We have limited the number of week-day monthly parkers to 20 of our 50 spaces.
- We have spaces for hourly parkers.
- We have spaces for church staff and church participants each day.
- **Church participants will continue to park FREE at anytime for church activities in the UBC lots.**
- **Church participants will continue to park FREE in PVPC's 14th St garage on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.**
- **UBC parking lots will continue to be for church use only on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.**
- **Free parking is also still available on Sundays at Stacy Hall.**

You Can Help!

We need volunteers to provide a light supper on Sunday evenings for the Youth Group and Jubilate beginning Sunday, August 27. Contact Alba Beasley for more information.



August



Sunday Bible Study
Regular Schedule Resumes
 Sunday, August 27
 9:30 & 9:45 am

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:00 pm
Church Conference, 6:10 pm
 (vote on Nominating Committee Report)
 Wednesday, August 30

September

Wednesday Family Dinners (5-6pm), adult program (6-7pm) and children's mission program for K-5 (6-7pm) will resume in September

Installation Service for Matt Tennant
 Sunday, September 10, 4:00 pm

Fall Dates Still Available to Dedicate Sanctuary Flowers

The following Sundays are still available for dedicating sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration:

**September 3, 24
 October 8, 22, and 29**

Please contact Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date.
 (434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com)

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, contact Sarah.



CHURCH CONFERENCE
Wednesday, August 30,
6:10 pm in Fellowship Hall
Vote on Nominating Committee Report