

# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



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*God has called University Baptist Church  
to minister to the University Community  
and to the residents of  
the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community,  
serving as agents of Christ's love and justice  
for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.*

# WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

March 11, 2018

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 ..... Sarah Wilson

Leader: God of love and life, as we gather together in this place,

**People: May we find peace and joy in your presence.**

PRELUDE – *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* – Bober ..... Barbara Moore

LIGHTING THE CANDLES ..... Trip and Betsy Kauffman

*(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 ..... Trip and Betsy Kauffman

*(We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to the people through the Holy Word.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Isabella Canseco

Leader: We gather to share in our love of God.

**People: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.**

Leader: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

**People: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.**

Leader: We gather to praise God, whose love is eternal.

**People: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. Amen.**

\*\* HYMN 51 – *Creator God, Creating Still*

\*\* INVOCATION ..... Rev. William Brown

WELCOME ..... Rev. Brown

*(At this time, please sign and pass the red fellowship book located at the left end of the pew. When everyone has signed, return the book. Take this opportunity to note the names of the members and visitors seated on the same pew with you so you may greet them after the service.)*

READING AND SONG ..... Katherine Hamel and Seamore Zhu

*He Came Down* (trad. Cameroon)

HYMN – *Bless the Lord* (see insert)

*(As we sing the hymn, the children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Sermon.)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON ..... Dr. Matthew Tennant

*(At the conclusion of the Children's Sermon, all children, kindergarten through grade two, are invited to attend Children's Church.)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – John 3:14-21 (NRSV)..... Adam Moore

<sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM – *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord* – Mendelssohn  
Sanctuary Choir – Diane Mundell, Guest Director

MORNING PRAYER ..... Sarah Wilson

\*\* HYMN – *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* (see insert)

EPISTLE LESSON – Ephesians 2:1-10 (The Message)..... Debby Johnson

<sup>1-6</sup> It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin.

You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

<sup>7-10</sup> Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION ON EPHESIANS..... Rachel Miller

- \*\* HYMN 143 – *What Wondrous Love Is This* (stanzas 1 and 4)
- SERMON – “**From Death to Life**” ..... Dr. Tennant
- MEDITATION ..... Barbara Moore
- INVITATION..... Dr. Tennant
- \*\* HYMN – *Come! Live in the Light!* (see insert)
- PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Rev. Brown
- During the month of March we are collecting contributions to support CBF Field Personnel in their work addressing rural poverty in the United States. Designate checks for CBF National Missions, or use the special envelopes in the pew racks. Please pray for progress in this ongoing work.
- GIVING OF OFFERINGS
- OFFERTORY – *The Cross* – Whitworth ..... Barbara Moore
- \*\* DEDICATION HYMN 144 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (stanza 4)
- \*\* BENEDICTION..... Dr. Tennant
- \*\* POSTLUDE – *Postlude* ..... Barbara Moore

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

*Alba Beasley is away this weekend spending time with his family.*

*Dr. Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister*  
*Rev. Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community*  
*Rev. Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship*  
*Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator*  
*Erin Brown, Children’s Ministry Coordinator*  
*Barbara Taylor Moore, Organist*  
*Sue Walton, Office Manager*  
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# Bless the Lord

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Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

*p*

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

# When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

D7 G C G

- 1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty
- 2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and
- 3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,
- 4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
- 5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you

Em Am7 D D7 G

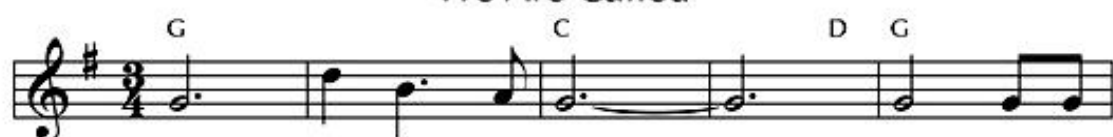
of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that  
 praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that  
 God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing  
 ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that  
 well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as

D7 Em C D D7 G

love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.  
 hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.  
 can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.  
 we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.  
 one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

# Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
vio - lence will be no more.  
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

### Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

## 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.

### 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, Donna Marshall, and Jacob Morris.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Erin Brown and Chandler Proffitt.

### WATCH OR LISTEN LIVE FROM HOME

To watch the live video of our worship service on YouTube, find the link on the UBC website, <[www.universitybaptist.org](http://www.universitybaptist.org)>. Audio of our service is broadcast live every Sunday on WINA 1070 AM and 98.9 FM.

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### THIS WEEK AT UBC

#### SUNDAY, March 11

9:00 Fellowship  
9:30 Seekers Bible Study  
9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Youth "Real Life"

#### MONDAY, March 12

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

#### TUESDAY, March 13

9:00 UBC Work Team  
9:00 Painting Group  
10:15 Staff Meeting  
12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.  
6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

#### WEDNESDAY, March 14

5:00 Supper (Tilapia & Flounder)  
6:00 Prayer Time  
6:00 Children's Mission Program  
6:15 "Words Matter" - Lenten Study  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, March 15

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pictorial Directory Photos** will be taken today Sunday, March 11, and next Sunday, March 18. Just drop in, 9am-11 am and 12-12:30 pm. Children's Department, 2nd floor.
- **Holy Week Services:**
  - Spy Wednesday, March 28, Noon
  - Maundy Thursday, March 29: Supper (5:00 pm) & Service (6:00 pm)
  - Good Friday, March 30, Noon

## SERVE AND GIVE

- **Youth Book Sale Fundraiser:** March 7-14, all books are \$1, with proceeds supporting the Youth Summer Mission Trip
- **CBF National Missions:** During the month of March, we are supporting Paula Settle's efforts to address rural poverty in Kentucky.
- **Venable School Backpack Program:** Every week we pack 19 backpacks for the Venable School Backpack Program to help students who receive free lunch at school during the week, but don't have enough to eat at home over the weekends. Your ongoing donations of food and money help us meet this need every week. For a complete list of items see the UBC website.
- **Audio Operators Needed:** Would you be interested in learning about operating our audio system and being a part of our team rotation for Sunday worship services? Contact Robby Gough at 434-242-2413 or RHGough@embarqmail.com
- **Operation In As Much (OIAM):** Our annual day of service to the community, OIAM, will take place on May 5. We will have a sign-up luncheon on Sunday, April 15, immediately after worship.

## CONNECT AND GROW

- **Sunday Bible Study:** With groups for all ages and interests, there's a class for you! See our website or talk to Will for details.
- **"Words Matter" Study:** Our Wednesday night programs during Lent are a study series about the words we use for/with/about God and one another. Join us for dinner at 5 pm (reservations are needed) and our study at 6:15 pm.
- **Richard E. Myers Lecture Series:** March 20-22—Featuring Paul Fiddes, Guest Lecturer from Oxford University
- **Vacation Bible School:** June 18-22, 9:00 am to noon. Save the date!