

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



**The Royal Procession of the Ethiopian Eunuch
Julian K. Van Dyke**

*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

April 29, 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 Ismael Moumbossy

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us worship our loving Savior!

PRELUDE Barbara Moore

Solemn Prelude "O Magnify the Lord Our God" - (Ps. 99) - Rowley

LIGHTING THE CANDLES..... Acolytes

*(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 Acolytes

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....Sanctuary Choir

Praise Ye the Name of the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 138)Rev. Alba Beasley

Leader: Let all the joys of the godly well up in praise to the Lord!

People: It is right to praise God.

Leader: Play joyous melodies of praise upon the lyre and on the harp.

People: Sing new songs of praise to God – sing joyfully to the Lord!

** HYMN 39 – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

** INVOCATION.....Erin Brown

WELCOME.....Erin 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.*

EPISTLE LESSON – 1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)Nick Martindale

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves
is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for

God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

CHORAL RESPONSE: *And They'll Know We Are Christians*Sanctuary Choir

¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN – *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (see insert)

(As we sing the final verse of this hymn, all children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Sermon.)

CHILDREN'S SERMONErin Brown

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

** HYMN 401 – *Break Out, O Church of God*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV) Jen Bates

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He

asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth"³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

** HYMN – *In Christ Called to Baptize* (see insert)

MORNING PRAYER Sarah Wilson

ANTHEM – *Gather at the River to Pray* – Choplin.....Sanctuary Choir

SERMON – “**God’s Love At the Intersection**”Rev. William Brown

MEDITATION – *God Welcomes All*.....Sanctuary Choir

** HYMN 287 – *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord*

(If you are interested in joining the church or praying with a minister, we invite you to come forward during this hymn.)

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Rev. Beasley

GIVING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORYBarbara Moore

In Christ there is...one great fellowship of love” – Haan

** DEDICATION 10 – *How Great Thou Art* (refrain only)

** BENEDICTIONRev. Brown

** POSTLUDEBarbara Moore

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Music: Lucius Chapin, 1812

Text: Latin, 8th Century; Trans.O. Westendorf, 1960, alt.

1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there
2. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells
3. Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let
4. Let us for - give each o - thers faults as
5. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if

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God is ev - er found Brought
Christ, God's ho - ly Son. As
all con - ten - tions cease. Be
we our own con - fess, that
hon - ored be God's name; our

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here to - get - er by Christ's love, by
mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in
God's the glo - ry that we seek; be
we may love each o - ther well in
com - mon life em - brac - es all whose

13
love we thus are bound
Him we are made one
God's our on - ly peace.
Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.
Ma - ker is the same.

In Christ Called to Baptize

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1995
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; adapt. in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839
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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 Aimee Marshall, Diane Woerner, and Lindsay Marshall.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We offer a Children's Church for K-2nd 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 Amanda Ohlms and Connor Marshall.

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>. Audio of our service is broadcast live every Sunday on WINA 1070 AM and 98.9 FM.

Dr. Matthew Tennant is away today spending time with his family. We wish him a restful, enjoyable day.

Dr. Matthew Tennant, Senior Minister
Rev. Alba Beasley, Associate Minister for Music and Worship
Rev. Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
Sarah Wilson, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Erin Brown, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Barbara Taylor Moore, Organist
Sue Walton, Office Manager
Lynn Martin, Newsletter Editor
Alan Hendricks, Administrator
Thomas Hill, Custodian

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

SERVE AND GIVE

- **Operation Inasmuch (OIAM)** - our annual day of service. See insert for detailed information.
- **Venable School Backpack Program**: Every week we pack 17 backpacks for the Venable School Backpack Program. These bags 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.

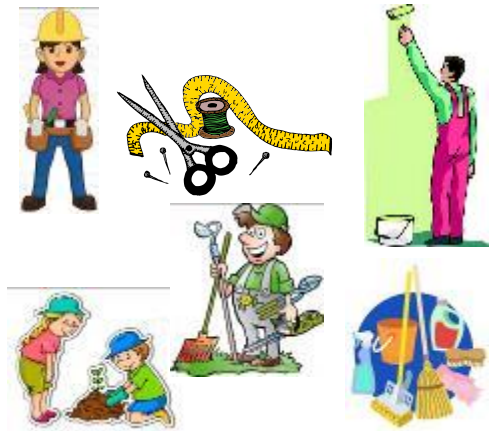
CONNECT AND GROW

- **A Quiet Place to Study (AQPTS)**: May 2-11, 1:00-11:00 pm (see insert)
- **UBC Variety Show**: Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 pm
- **Cookout**: Wednesday, May 23, 5:00 pm
- **Sunday Bible Study**: With groups for all ages and interests, there's a class for you! See our website or talk to Will Brown for details.
- **Vacation Bible School**: June 18-22, 9:00 am to noon. Register online at universitybaptist.org/vbs
- **Wednesday Evening Programs**: You are invited to join us each Wednesday night for a meal at 5:00 pm (reservations required), followed by a program at 6:00. Upcoming topic "**History & Theology of Baptism**" on May 2.

| <u>THIS WEEK:</u> | |
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| <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 29</p> <p>9:00 Fellowship 9:30 Seekers Bible Study 9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 Jubilate EOY Banquet 6:00 Youth—Real Life</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 2</p> <p>5:00 Supper 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 Children's Activities 6:15 History & Theology of Baptism 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> |
| <p>MONDAY, APRIL 30</p> <p>No Bible Study at Rosewood</p> | <p>THURSDAY, MAY 3</p> <p>9:30 Pre-K Play Group</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY, MAY 1</p> <p>9:00 UBC Work Team, Painting Group</p> | <p>MAY 2—11</p> <p>1:00—11:00 pm each day—AQPTS</p> |

OIAM
(Operation InAsMuch)
Saturday, May 5

This is University Baptist Church's own local mission outreach effort. It is a focused one-day, church-wide, hands-on ministry for the benefit of those within the Charlottesville area. ***There will be projects for all ages, all interests, and all skill levels.***



To learn more and sign up online: universitybaptist.org/oiam

OIAM Early Projects

♦ **Monday & Wednesday, April 30 and May 1, 9 am to 1 pm**

Scraping and priming two sides of a home on Meade Ave. Sign up for one or both days. Painting will be done on May 5. Questions? Contact Alan Hendricks at 434-989-9035 or t.alan.hendricks@gmail.com

Sign-up sheets are available in the First Floor Lobby.

A Quiet Place to Study (AQPTS)
May 2-11, 1:00 pm - 11:00 pm each day

College Students: Looking for a quiet place to study for final exams? We open up our building for students to study during the exam season, providing free snacks, drinks, and high-speed Ting Wi-Fi. Come by any time!

UBC Members: we need volunteers to help host students, and to bring refreshments. Please sign up to help!

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