

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

April 15, 2018
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Will God Deliver?”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Psalms 4

Anthem:

I Must Tell Jesus
(with *Blessed Assurance*)
— arr. McDonald

Deacons: *Brad Groff, Anne Keith, Jim Moore, Rachel & Scott Miller, Wellford Tiller

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

Children's Church: Erin Brown, Carter Groff

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

Greeters: B.J. Blincoe, John Buchanan

Medical On Call: Sally Chewning

The Word

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On Watch

What is the Most Important Question in the World Today?

I do not mean to ask, “What is the most important question today in the *church*?” My question is, “What is the most important question in the *world* today?” Does it have to do with the economy? Does it have to do with health care? Does it have to do with the environment? Or, is the most important question one of meaning in people’s lives? For instance, “Where do people find meaning in their lives?”

This question is about relevance. What means the most to the most people? What question challenges everyone? What question has universal implications? Of course, we will all die, so maybe the most important question in the world today involves something about death. On the other hand, *we* (in the sense of all humankind) had to come from somewhere. Most religions, including our Christian faith, offer some suggestions about the origin of all that exists.

Scientists cannot offer a conclusive origin story. They put forth theories. Some theories work (e.g., big bang or evolutionary development). The basic premise of scientific inquiry is to never exceed one’s data. To suggest a definitive scientific origin exceeds the data available because, obviously, no one witnesses the big bang theory.

I do not know the answer to my question. It is not about the end (*eschaton*)

or the beginning (origin of life). My question is about the *most important* question. I know what is relevant to me. I know what is relevant to many people. However, I do not know the *most important* question in the world today.

This question is a point of departure. It is a place to begin exploration. And, I believe the church is a place where we can pursue questions like this one. The church is a safe place—a place where we can be both validated and challenged at the same time. Pursuing an answer to a difficult question may seem intellectually taxing. But, pursuing the answer is worthwhile if we take our faith seriously.

In Isaiah 64:4, we read, “From ages past no one has heard, no ear perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.” This verse is referenced in 1 Corinthians 2:9. The following verses in 1 Corinthians suggest God the Holy Spirit’s continuing involvement in the world. We can pursue these difficult questions in the church, and we have faith that God will engage with us on the journey.

These questions are worth asking because other people are asking them, too. Maybe as we continue to build a safe place to pursue these important questions, other people will join us in our pursuit. This is my prayer.

Peace,
~ Matt

OIAM Sign-up Luncheon Sunday, April 15 Immediately Following the Worship Service

There are projects for all ages, all interests, and all skill levels.

Come and sign up for the job that interests

YOU!



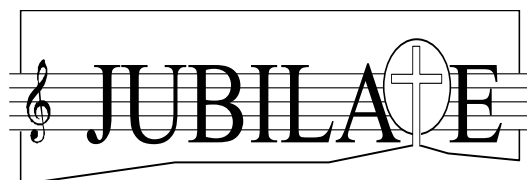
Interactive Family Worship Service Sunday, April 15, 9:45-10:30 in the Sanctuary



Come join us for a morning of music, stories, and hands-on worship stations as we learn about how Jesus is the Light of the World.

Bring your family and friends.

All are welcome!



Homecoming Concert

Sunday, April 15

4:00 pm

WMU Project For The UVA Children's Hospital

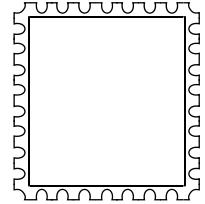
The WMU is collecting the following toys to be given to the patients at the hospital:

Play-Doh
Chapter Books
Small Lego Kits (for age 8+)
Bubbles

These are given to the children to keep, so there is always a need to replenish the supplies.

Collection boxes will be located on the First Floor and in Fellowship Hall.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Thank You

I want to thank our church family for all the phone calls, cards, prayers, and Prayergrams we received during our journey with my illness.

— Pete Whitt

Social Justice Simulation

Wednesday, April 11, 6:00 pm

What is social justice? How do we experience injustice? Using a world trade simulation, we will divide into groups and attempt to trade with one another. After the simulation, Dr. Matthew Tennant and Rev. Will Brown will facilitate a discussion of justice.

Wednesday, April 18

5:00 Supper: Chef's Buffet

6:00 Program: Conversation About Race

Flowers Bring Great Joy!

◆ If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, contact Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date to have flowers placed in the sanctuary during worship. (434-409-9064 or sarahbuchan@gmail.com)

Available dates: April 29; May 6, 20, 27; June 3, 17; and later in the summer and fall

◆ If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how to arrange them, please contact Sarah Buchanan, and join us on the Floral Committee.

Impact's Nehemiah Action

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 pm

Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center (at CHS)

Alice with her quilt from the Prayer Shawl Ministry of UBC.



This Week

WEDNESDAY, April 11

- 10:00 PBJ Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Beef casserole)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 6:15 Social Justice Simulation
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, April 12

- 9:30 Parent's Morning Out

SUNDAY, April 15

- 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes
- 9:45 Interactive Family Worship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:00 OIAM Sign-up Luncheon
- 6:00 Real Life—Youth
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, April 16

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 6:30 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, April 17

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group

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OIAM — Saturday, May 5 (Operation InAsMuch)

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.*



"And the King shall answer and say ... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
 Matthew 25:40

OIAM Early Projects

◆ **Saturday, April 14, 9 am to Noon**

Project for Charlottesville Community Bikes, a non-profit bicycle shop that recycles second-hand bikes and gives them away to children. No mechanical experience needed. At the corner of Avon St. and Garrett. Questions? Contact Peter Ohlms at 434-249-5921 or pohlms@gmail.com

◆ **Monday, April 16, 10:00 am at UBC** Floral Committee will be making small arrangements.

Many of the arrangements will be taken to Georgia's Healing House, which offers a home in the Woolen Mills area for women recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. Others will be taken to The homes where other OIAM participants will be working. No experience needed—plenty of help available!). Bring wire cutters, etc., if you have them.

NEW!

◆ **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 for these 3 Special Projects are available in the First Floor Lobby.