

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 27, 2018
11:00 am

Sermon:

“A Radical Life”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Anthem:

Lord, Here Am I — Beck

Deacons: *Jack Averill, Jimmy Li, Jennifer Wagoner, Joe Zhu, Martha Ballenger, Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Morgan Wagoner, Wyatt Minor, Carter Groff

Children's Church: Jeannette May, Carter Groff

Ushers for May: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Charlotte Bailey, Peter Ohlms

Medical On Call: Laurie Pallini

The Word

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On Watch

Trinitarian Heresies

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Belief in the Trinity is the belief in a Triune God. That is, we would traditionally say God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A better description might be that God is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. It is based in scripture, such as Matthew 28:19, but the word “Trinity” is never used in the New Testament.

The first expression of a Triune God comes in the Athanasian Creed, which states: “We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their substance.” It is best understood through faith. Explaining it often leads to bad analogies.

For example, some might try to explain the Trinity by saying it is like water, in that we can find water as solid (ice), gas (steam), or liquid (water). However, bad analogies usually lead to a Trinitarian heresy. Heresies can be blessings because they crystalize our faith. Comparing the Trinity to water is modalism.

Modalism is the belief that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three characterizations of one God, rather than three distinct “persons” in one God. Noetus of Smyrna (c. 190) first formally stated this heresy, although it was not yet a

heresy. When Noetus expressed the three persons of the Trinity as a “characterization,” he was articulating a belief.

Sabellius (c.210) refined modalism and applied the names merely to different roles of God in the history and the economy of salvation. The presbyters of Smyrna condemned Noetus. And Sabellius faced Tertullian’s intellectual wrath when Tertullian addressed modalism in *Adversus Praxeam*. Then, Pope Callistus condemned Sabellius.

Modalism is a blessing because it helps us understand what the Trinity is not. The Trinity is not three characterizations of God. The Trinity is God’s divine movement within Godself. It is best understood through the words of the Athanasian Creed: “We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their substance.”

Peace,
~ Matt

Update from JARC

Thank you for the excellent feedback that many of you have been providing to JARC about our proposals, especially during the recent Wednesday night discussion. We are continuing to meet and have begun to incorporate these suggestions as we refine the language in the UBC documents. Please keep the feedback coming!

In the coming weeks we will be sending out an initial draft of the updated Constitution and By-Laws, along with a schedule of listening sessions leading up to a Church Conference and vote. There will be multiple opportunities to discuss these proposals and provide feedback as we work together to refine the documents. Our hope is to finalize these this summer.

Deacon Election 2018

Members will soon receive an email or letter explaining the Deacon election process.

If you are not willing or able to serve as a Deacon and would like to have your name removed from the list, please call or email the Church Office by June 7.

The remaining list of eligible UBC members will be published, and members will have until the end of June to vote for seven (7) names on the list. Those elected will begin a three-year term in September.

Deacons should be full UBC members who are committed Christians, spiritually mature, active in church attendance and financial support, cooperative, and supportive of the vision, leadership, and various programs of our church.

Church Office: 434-293-5106 or office@universitybaptist.org

Save the Date Vacation Bible School

June 18-22 9:00 am to Noon

For kids who have completed K-5th grade

Info and registration at:
universitybaptist.org/vbs

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity



Join us for a
COOKOUT
(& Fellowship)
Wednesday, May 23
5:00-7:00 pm
(Hamburgers, Hot dogs,
Baked beans, Chips)

In the UBC front
parking lot

(Inclement weather takes it inside to Fellowship Hall.)



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Donna Marshall — At Home

Thank You

The staff and guests of the UVA Hospitality House sincerely appreciate the sweet treats you brought us during spring break. Your contribution helps us provide a home-like atmosphere for our guest traveling away from home with limited resources or those that unexpectedly find themselves or their family receiving care at our hospital. Thank you again for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

— *Mary Jackson*, Supervisor
 Patient & Guest Services

Volunteers Needed

Mulch for the playground will be delivered on

Tuesday, May 29, at 8:30 a.m.

The UBC Work Team would appreciate the assistance of those who can help as we move the mulch from the rear parking lot to the playground.



Volunteers should bring their contractor wheelbarrow, broom rake, and shovel if they have them. We would appreciate the assistance of anyone who can help.

Venable School Backpack Mission Program Report

This past school year we packed and delivered 684 bags of food to students at Venable Elementary.

The school is so grateful for our help, and for being able to offer this resource to their families who aren't always able to provide enough food for their children over the weekend.

A huge thanks to UBC members who contributed food, and to our Wednesday night Kids' Mission Program for packing the bags most weeks!

SUMMER CHOIR

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Music/Lecture Suite
(second floor)
Beginning May 30



If you have ever sung in a choir, or have considered singing, or enjoy singing, we hope that you will take this opportunity to

Join the Summer Choir!

Attention, Youth!

Summer Mission Trip To Tangier Island July 9-13

FINAL MISSION TRIP RSVPs AND A DEPOSIT OF \$30 ARE DUE JUNE 1.

Recycling at UBC

Due to Single Stream Recycling being discontinued in our area, we are now collecting recyclables separately. Collection points have been set up in the kitchen and office. Recycling bins and signage will also be set up in other areas.



Items such as plastic containers and bottles, aluminum and steel/tin cans, and paper can be mixed together in the recycling bins. A complete list of recyclable materials and related information can be found at <http://www.charlottesville.org/home/showdocument?id=61447>.

The UBC work team also recycles hazardous materials such as batteries and fluorescent lamps.

Pray for all of our graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

34th Annual Church-wide Picnic
Sunday, June 3
3:00 pm

At the home of
 Forrest and Donna Marshall



THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, May 23

- 10:00 PBJ Bible Study
- 5:00 Cookout Supper & Fellowship
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 24

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, May 27

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

MONDAY, May 28

CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED



TUESDAY, May 29

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

WEDNESDAY, May 30

- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal