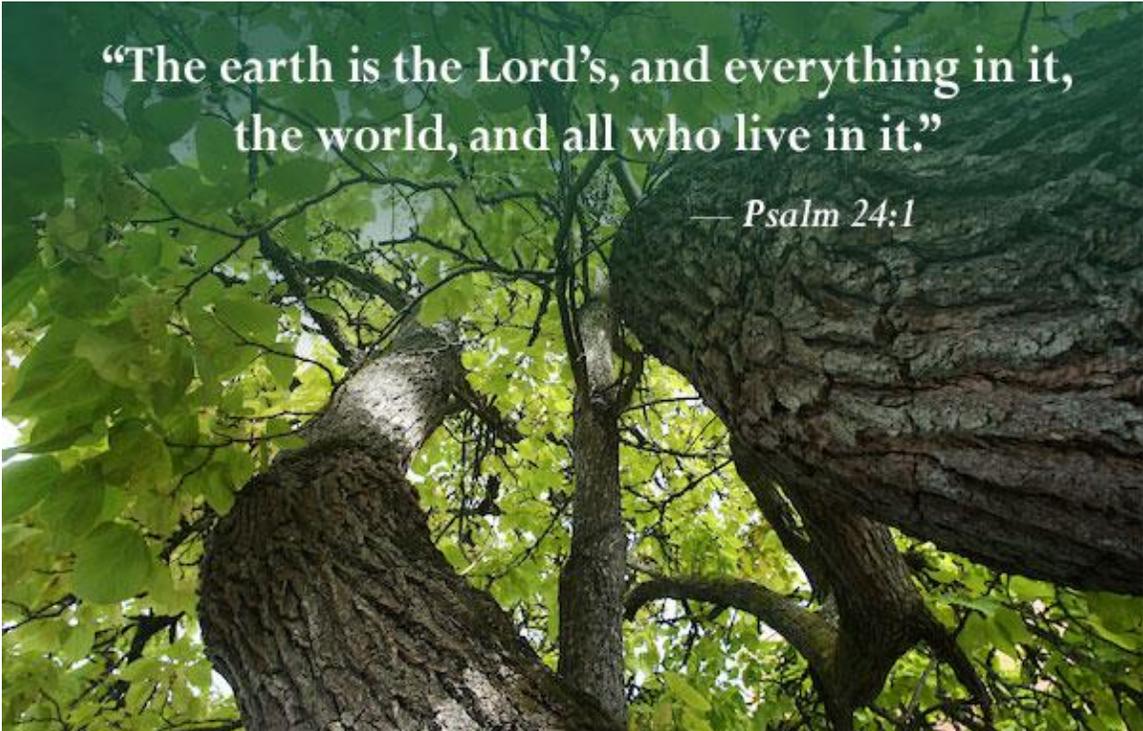


UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.”

— Psalm 24:1



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.

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WORSHIP OF GOD IN CHRIST

September 2, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Marking the Hour

*We mark the hour, 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..... Rev. Alba Beasley

Prelude Barbara Moore

Earth and All Stars, Sing to the Lord a New Song – Manz

Lighting the Candles..... Trip and Betsy Kauffman

*(We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is
the Light of the world which guides us through life.)*

Opening the Bible..... Trip and Betsy Kauffman

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

Setting the Table

*(We prepare the table with a loaf of bread and a cup, symbolizing Christ's
atoning death, the Church's identity as the one Body of Christ, and the fullness
of salvation in the future of God.)*

Call to Worship Stewart Kauffman

Leader: In the glory of this day we come to worship, reveling in the
beauty of God's handiwork.

**People: We pray for insight this morning into how the work of our
hands is part of the work of God's hands.**

Leader: We worship God today, praying that our labor will join with
God's in lifting the heavyhearted, comforting the sorrowful,
and calming the anxious.

**People: We worship God today, asking that we be filled with the joy
of labor in God's name this morning and throughout the
week ahead.**

** Hymn 643 – *For the Fruit of All Creation*

** Invocation..... Rev. William Brown

** GreetingRev. Brown
 Mission Moment – WMU State Missions Offering Sarah Buchanan
 Hymn – *Gonna Be Green*
(As we sing, all children are invited to come to the front for the Children’s Sermon.)

Gonna Be Green

1. I'm gon - na be green _____
 _____ be - cause God made the earth. _____ I'm gon - na be
 green _____ be - cause God made the earth. _____
 I'm gon - na be green _____ be - cause God
 made the earth. _____ The earth _____
 is my home!_ _____

Children’s Sermon..... Erin Brown
(After the Children’s Sermon, children in grades K-2 are invited to attend Children’s Church.)

Responsive Reading – *Caring for Creation*..... Sarah Wilson
 We have faith
 in One God, one Source of all life.
 One ground of the whole earth, with all its creatures.

And thus we believe
in the goodness of earth's life,
in the innate worth of all its dependents,
in human partnership in the life of nature.

And thus we believe
that in Christ we have been shown the special role of the human race
to bear God's likeness in working and caring for the earth,
in seeking to understand its mysteries and powers,
in gently working with these powers for the well-being of all children on earth.

And thus we believe
that God's spirit will lead us to sensitive closeness with earth's life,
to that meek, unselfish and compassionate life-style
by which the earth is inherited in peace, by which life is transformed
for all creatures to share justly in its bounty

So be it. Amen.

** Hymn 640 – *Let All Things Now Living*

Celebration of Communion

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 148 (NRSV) Larry Johnson
(Please open your Bibles and read along with us, or turn to page 5 of the bulletin.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer Dr. Matthew Tennant

Anthem – *Let the Whole Creation Cry* – arr. Ferguson Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – **Praise God for All Creation** Dr. Tennant

Meditation – *Touch the Earth Lightly* Sanctuary Choir

** Hymn – *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (insert page 5)

*(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 Sarah Wilson

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Barbara Moore

For the Fruit of All Creation – Held

** Congregational Response 44

For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 1)

** Choral Benediction – *God of All Living*..... Sanctuary Choir

** Postlude Barbara Moore

** Those who are physically able are invited to stand at these points in the service.

Psalm 148 (NRSV)

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.^[a]

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord

Let the Whole Creation Cry

(Psalm 148)

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the
2 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them

4 Lord on high." Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing,
loud and bold; join with chil - dren's songs of praise;

7 "Praise to our al - might - y King." Praise God, an - gel
wor - ship God through length of days. From the north to

10 hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

13 sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

CONNECT

- **Family Splash-Park Picnic**: bring a picnic lunch to the new splash park at Tonsler Park after worship today, September 2.
- **Wednesday Community Dinners**: Dinner each week is at 5:30, open to everyone. \$5 suggested donation—students eat free! Our discussion topic this week is Eco-Theology: God's Covenant. Come join us!

LEARN

- **Sunday Bible Study**: With groups for every age and interest, there is a place for you here! Our classes meet each week at 9:45 am.
- **Rosewood Bible Study**: This Bible Study with the senior adults at Rosewood Assisted Living on Greenbrier Drive will resume meeting weekly on Monday, September 10.

SERVE AND GIVE

- **State Missions Offering**: During the month of September, our offering for state missions supports the work of Greg and Sue Smith, CBF Field Personnel in Fredericksburg who serve immigrant populations in Virginia. They provide holistic ministry that includes legal services, advocacy, women's empowerment, literacy programs, and hunger relief.
- **Sunday Dinners**: We need volunteers to provide a light supper on Sunday evenings for the Youth Group and Jubilate beginning Sunday, Sept. 2. Contact Alba Beasley for more information.
- **Music Library**: We need some filing and clerical help with the music library. Contact Alba Beasley for more information.

September's Eco-Theology Emphasis

During the month of September, we celebrate God's creation. We live in a beautiful and incredible world! As followers of God, we have a role and responsibility in taking care of the Earth that God has created. This month in worship we celebrate God's creation and explore our place within it. We hope you will also join us on Wednesday nights for dinner and a time of discussion and reflection on these issues.

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.

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 Debby Johnson and Carter Groff.

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, Arlene Propst, Colleen Baber and Lindsay Marshall.

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.

WATCH/LISTEN LIVE

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.

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FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Charles and Edna Witter, whose 76th wedding anniversary would have been September 4, by Mildred and Melvin Spicer.

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Rev. Will Brown, Associate Minister for Community
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