



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH



**"Noah and the Rainbow" by Marc Chagall (c. 1966)**

"God said, 'Here is the sign of the covenant between me and you and every living creature for ageless generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'" Genesis 9.12-13

*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 9, 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 .....Dr. Matthew Tennant

Prelude.....Barbara Moore

*All Creatures of Our God and King...Sing Alleluia – Johnson*

Lighting the Candles .....Acolytes

*(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 .....Acolytes

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

Call to Worship..... Carter Groff

Leader: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens." We gather to  
praise you!

People: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."  
We gather to praise our God.

Leader: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens." We gather to cele-  
brate you!

People: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
And God saw that is was good..." We gather to celebrate  
our God.

Leader: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!  
Your glory is higher than the heavens." We gather to wor-  
ship you!

People: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
And God saw that is was very good..." We gather to worship  
our God!

*All: All praise, honor, majesty and power belongs to our Creating God! Amen!*

\*\* Hymn – *God of the Fertile Fields*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God of the Fertile Fields'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line of each system.

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of  
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
trust from you all that you give; help us in  
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
love to share, teach us like you to care,  
toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,  
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.  
for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

\*\* Invocation..... Rev. Will Brown  
 Greeting ..... Rev. Brown  
 Responsive Reading – *Litany of Praise for Creation*..... Melanie Tennant  
 Leader: God, Source of all life, how excellent is your name in all the earth.  
 People: **All people glorify your holy name together.**  
 Leader: The majesty and vastness of your creation wraps us round with power and wonder.  
 People: **We thank you, O God, for the fertility to nourish cattle and fields, for the means allowing persons and families to survive.**  
 Leader: God made these great works, the gardens and seas; God's hands these wonders wrought.  
 People: **We praise you, O God, for the joy of being a part of nature throughout all our days and in all our ways.**  
 Leader: We pray that it may please you to sustain that mighty power which made the mountains rise and sets forth each morning's challenge.  
 People: **We beseech you to hear us, O God, that it may please you to continue to guide us through the dark nights and never ending days of our creation.**  
 Leader: O God, whatever is true, whatever is just, we have received from your hand.  
 People: **We praise you, O God, and bless your Holy Name. Amen.**

Hymn – *Gonna Be Green*

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

I'm gonna be green because God made the earth I'm gonna be  
 green because God made the earth I'm gonna be green  
 because 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.)*

\*\* Hymn 54 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 6:25-31 (NRSV) .....Jennifer Wagoner  
*(Please open your Bibles and read along with us, or turn to page 8 of the bulletin.)*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Morning Prayer ..... Sarah Wilson

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 8:18-22 (NRSV)..... Nick Martindale  
*(Please open your Bibles and read along with us, or turn to page 8 of the bulletin.)*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* – Harland..... Sanctuary Choir

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.  
I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
He formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.  
There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 9:1-7 (NRSV) ..... Nick Martindale  
*(Please open your Bibles and read along with us, or turn to page 8 of the bulletin.)*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – “**God's Covenant to Preserve Creation**” ..... Dr. Tennant

Meditation ..... Barbara Moore

\*\* Hymn – *Touch the Earth Lightly* (see following page)

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

# Touch the Earth Lightly

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

Tune: Bunessan (traditional melody)

1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly, nou - rish the life of the  
2. Let there be green - ing, borth from the burn - ing, wa - ter that bless - es, and  
3. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing, God of the seed - ling, the

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world in our care. Gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,  
air that is sweet, Health in God's gar - den, hope for God's chil - dren,  
snow and the sun, Teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

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trust for the chil - dren to - mor - ro will bear.  
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.  
us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

\*\* Prayer of Dedication..... Rev. Alba Beasley  
Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

*“Glory to the Lord on High”* – Manz..... Barbara Moore

\*\* Doxology – *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let the cre - a - tor's

praise a - rise; Let the re - deem - er's name be sung Through

ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. A - men.

WORDS: Issac Watts, 1674-1749  
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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\*\* Benediction..... Dr. Tennant

\*\* Postlude ..... Barbara Moore

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

## **Matthew 6:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’

## **Genesis 8:18- 9:7**

<sup>18</sup>So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>19</sup>And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. <sup>22</sup>As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

<sup>1</sup>God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup>Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup>For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

<sup>6</sup>Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person’s blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. <sup>7</sup>And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.”

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### CONNECT

- **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: Destroying Creation. 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 17.

### 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. 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-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 Shirley Clark and Connor Marshall.

## 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, Suzanne Smith, Will Wagoner, and Carter Groff.

## 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](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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## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob's parents, James and Agnes Whitworth, by Bob and Jane Whitworth.

*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*  
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