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A Faith that Speaks
to Today

ON WATCH

“Consider the lilies. They grow even though they don’t toil” (Matthew 6:28). Many people work very hard. Working hard is good. It is gratifying. Once, I was moving some boxes and asked one of my sons to help. As we were carrying the boxes, he thanked me for giving him something productive to do. I understood his gratitude.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addresses worry (Matthew 6:25-33). He tells his listeners, “Don’t worry” and uses the example of flowers who do nothing but still grow. He does not say, “Don’t work. Don’t try. Don’t do anything. *You* will still grow. His floral example touches people who scurry around trying to make everything work out and continue worrying about the outcome.

Jesus’ teaching doesn’t undermine work. He tries to give his listeners a wider angle to see the world. He says, “Don’t worry about your clothes or food. Life’s about more than that.” As we transition to new ways of living (e.g. wearing a mask, not having friends over, and more changes!), we cannot worry but we do have to work.

We need to work to feed our faith. We need to be diligent in our spiritual growth. We need to exercise our creativity as we seek first the Kingdom of God and explore sharing God’s grace and love with the world around us.

When my son and I were moving those boxes, there was a reason. We needed the contents of the boxes somewhere other than where they were. It was not an exercise in futility. Neither is work for the Kingdom of God. Our faith can speak to the current situation in the world.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 19, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
“Weeds in the World”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
Matthew 13:24-30

Anthem:
“Creation Sings”
(Drennan)

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, July 15
7:00 Sanctuary Choir (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, July 19
8:30 Finance Committee Meeting (*Zoom*)
9:45 *No Bible Study*
11:00 Morning Worship (*radio and livestream*)
7:00 Youth: Real Life (*Zoom*)

Other events and activities are being canceled or modified to be online-only when possible. Please contact your group

What is God saying to you today? Where is God leading? Let's enter the future, roll up our sleeves, and follow where God leads.

Peace,
Matt

Worship Leadership

Would you like to help lead in worship? Each week we are looking for people to read a Scripture lesson or lead in other ways. Typically, this means taking a short video of yourself--the camera on your phone is perfect for this. Talk to Alba if you're interested.

Soles 4 Souls

Our Soles 4 Souls box is still here! Please bring any clothing and shoes you would like to donate. Donations assist in disrupting poverty worldwide. Help us serve those in need, create opportunities and protect the environment! The box is emptied about once per month.

To learn more, click [here](#) or visit <https://www.soles4souls.org/>

leader or the Church Office with any questions

Prayer Concerns

Pray for our world, as we all face the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for those infected with the virus, for people who are taking care of them, and for all who are especially at risk.

Pray for the unrest in our country and around the world. Pray that we could listen to one another and have Christ-like empathetic eyes.

Pray for our church family, that we may draw closer, even as we keep a physical distance from one another.

Search Committee Update

The Associate Minister for Students Search Committee is excited for you to meet our recommended candidate! The following are opportunities to meet her through Zoom:

Youth - 7/12/20 7:00 pm

Youth parents - 7/12/20 8:00 pm

Seekers class - 7/21/20 7:00 pm

Choir - 7/22/20 7:00 pm

Deacons - 7/23/20 7:00 pm

Church Council - TBD

College students - TBD

Churchwide - 7/25/20 3:00 pm

Become a YouTube Subscriber

Do you enjoy watching our church services on YouTube? You can find our videos more easily (and help others find us), by clicking the "Subscribe" button under any of our videos. As always, if you need any help with the technology, please call the Church Office or one of our ministers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday this week!

July 14: Pam Beasley, Donna Ballard

July 16: Lexi Woodson

May God bless you all with abundant joy on your birthday and always.

Having a birthday and do not see your name here? Please help us update our records. Contact Lexi to provide your updated information at (434)-293-5706



Need a Mask??

Volunteers in our church have been hard at work sewing beautiful fabric masks. Do you need one? This expression of love from our talented church members is one way that we can take care of one another. If you do not have a mask yet or if you need another, please contact the church office or one of the ministers so that we can get a fabric mask to you. There are also baskets of masks in the church lobby if you'd like to stop by and pick one up!

Like to Sew?

We extend our deep gratitude to the volunteers in our church who have already made dozens of fabric masks for others who need them. If you would like to share your skills and join in this effort, call Will Brown or email him at wbrown@universitybaptist.org

Sunday Mornings

We invite you to join us for our Sunday morning worship services either by joining us in person or by worshipping with us from home. The service begins each Sunday at 11:00 am. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

Online and Automatic Giving

DID YOU KNOW?

Online giving simplifies contributing by allowing for a specific dollar amount to be sent to University Baptist Church on a specific date, thus decreasing the number of checks you have to write. You can set this up to happen automatically from your bank account, or make a single contribution on our website or Facebook page. For more information, visit universitybaptist.org/give or call our church office.

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