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Seeking God in Everything **WATCH**

In Mother Teresa's book *In the Heart of the World*, she writes about God's calling on her and her fellow Missionaries of Charity. She says that God calls them to be contemplative by: "Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, everywhere, all the time, and seeking God's hand in every happening. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor" (page 33).

To Mother Teresa, the desire to seek and find God in everything connects with being a missionary. It's how she lived out her faith, and it is probably why so many people see her as an inspiration. She appeared to embody the humility Jesus references in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the poor... meek... merciful..." (Matthew 5:3-10).

Mother Teresa motivates people to live more like Christ, yet she is no different than any other person. This is good news. If she were some sort of super-human, then none of us would stand a chance of successfully following her advice. Instead, as a flawed fellow human, we can be hopeful of actually being able to do what she did. She sought the face of God in everything.

God didn't call us without factoring in our gifts and limitations. If we don't feel like we embody the light of Christ as much as Mother Teresa, that's on us, not God. We can look for God's hand in the world. We can seek God's reflection in everything around us. When we stop looking, that doesn't mean God's face is gone. It means we stopped looking. When we realize that we stopped, we can start looking again.

Each day we have a choice. We can enter the day and let the world distract us from our faith. Or, we can look for God. Choosing the latter is richer and more fulfilling.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 11, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Is It Well, Really?"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
Matthew 5:13-16

Anthem:
"Assurance"
(Beck)

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, October 6
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail
Circle (*Fellowship Hall*)

WEDNESDAY, October 7
10:00 PBJ Bible Study

THURSDAY, October 8
1:00 Lectio Divina (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, October 11
9:40 Online Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
(*radio and livestream*)

Peace,
Matt

Opportunities to Serve God at UBC

A couple of weeks ago, we shared our 2020 "Opportunities to Serve" survey. Please take 5 minutes to fill it out and let the church leadership team know how God can use you. Thank you so much!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q3V5BPK>

12:00 Church Conference

MONDAY, October 12
8:30 Morning Prayer
(Facebook Live)

Prayer Concerns

Bob Harris - The Colonnades

Nell Tiller - The Cedars

Nat Howell - UVA Transitional Care Hospital

Congratulations to Jeannette May on the birth of a new grandson, Jackson B. Orrock, born September 24 in Birmingham, AL, to Jennifer & Jason Orrock.

Called Church Conference

On October 11, after the Sunday morning worship service, we will have a Called Church Conference with two items on the agenda:

1. The Ordination Council unanimously recommends that University Baptist Church ordain Val Fisk to the gospel ministry.
2. Based on the information presented at the August 30, 2020 Church Conference, the Deacons recommend that UBC buy and then sell the Mackey house (2719 Brookmere Rd). Debra Bryant, Bill Cromwell, and Ed Lowry will manage this process on behalf of the church.

There are several ways to participate:

1. In person
2. On Zoom (the primary way we anticipate for most of the congregation)
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84248169721?pwd=SlhFcWRxdmMvOEUyQnhWUkJSOVIzO9>
 - Meeting ID: 842 4816 9721
 - Passcode: 698487
3. Watching on YouTube, by special request

If you will be unable to join by Zoom, please contact Will Brown. He will provide a link where you can watch the Called Church Conference on YouTube and call on the phone to record your vote. Please contact Will if you have any questions.

Special Sunday Emphasis

The greatest hymns, gospel songs, and contemporary songs of faith are often birthed out of great sorrow or great triumph. This Sunday, in our morning worship service, our theme will be the hymn

“It Is Well with My Soul.” If you have a hymnal, read the text and let its words speak to you. Our scripture texts for Sunday are Philippians 4:4-7 and Matthew 5:13-16. You might also want to read those texts and let God speak to you through them as you prepare for worship. Come worship with us this Sunday – bring your joys and sorrows, your hopes and disappointments, and let God speak to you as we worship together.

(PS: If you do not have a hymnal from the church, you are welcome to come by the office Monday through Thursday and borrow one.)



Donations Needed

With another school year underway, we are continuing to provide bags of food to nourish students at nearby Venable Elementary School. (This picture is an old one, pre-pandemic, but the ministry continues!) We send food for ten students each week, providing enough to sustain them through the weekend, when schools are not providing meals. While we welcome donations of food items, the most effective way to help, especially during the pandemic, is to provide monetary contributions so that we can buy food in bulk. You can give online or mail a check to the church office, designating it for Venable Food Bags. Thank you for your support!

Who are our Deacons and what is their role?

Deacons are elected and ordained to be the ministerial leaders of the congregation for lay ministry, including ministries to the congregation, evangelism, outreach, discipleship, denominational relations, and matters of faith. Together with the Staff Ministers and the Church Council, the Deacons establish the general direction and focus of the church’s life and work. They are concerned that the congregation be spiritually healthy and that the church fulfill its mission according to its understanding of the will of God.

John Buchanan
Shirley Clark
Johnny Ellen
Judy Gough
Laura Morris
Diane Mundell
Wellford Tiller

Herman Eaker
Larry Johnson
Carolyn Lowry
Ray Gaines
Brian Mulcahy
Peter Ohlms
Gary Wood

Ed Lowry
Jeannette May
Laura Martindale
Roy Thomas
Esther Tian
Raynell Stokes
Donna Marshall

A Quiet Place to Study

University Baptist Church is excited to open our doors to students and provide A Quiet Place to Study all semester! Rooms are set up so that individual students will have private space to participate in Zoom calls and complete their work while socially distanced. Snacks and beverages are available in the church kitchen to keep you fueled all day long. In order to maintain our social distancing protocols, please reserve your time in advance by visiting www.universitybaptist.org/study and clicking “sign up here.” Students are welcome to reserve as much time as they need!

Beginning Monday, September 28, our open hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We anticipate this will be a popular space, and we are advertising with several other ministries on grounds, so we are looking for volunteers to monitor extended hours in the evenings and on

Fridays! If you are willing to volunteer a few hours a week in the evening or on Fridays, please let Val Fisk know (vfisk@universitybaptist.org).

Voicing Lament and Nurturing Community

2020 has been a year like no other. The devastating losses of the pandemic and the intense polarization of a presidential election have profoundly impacted our lives, a dynamic likely to intensify in the coming weeks and months. How do we navigate these tumultuous waters as people of faith?

On Sunday mornings for the next couple of months, Val and Will are leading a Bible Study that will approach this question from various angles. Alternating between the book of Lamentations and the book of 1 Corinthians, we will engage scripture to find models for faithful engagement: lament, hope, unity, repentance, reconciliation. We expect to find both challenge and reassurance in each of these texts, and we hope you will join us for the conversation.

Sunday mornings, 9:40am on Zoom, and streaming on YouTube at 10:00 (see details below)

Let's Go Deeper

During this pandemic season when we are unable to follow our usual routines, God remains present with us. In fact, this is a unique opportunity to reexamine the habits of our spiritual lives and to be intentional about the practices that ground our faith. Here are a few opportunities to join with us in deepening our spiritual lives:



Monday Morning Prayer

- 8:30am each Monday on Facebook Live
- A quick prayer to start our week on the right foot
- To join us, visit our [UBC Facebook Page](#)

Thursday Lectio Divina

- 1:00pm each Thursday on Zoom
- A practice of reading Scripture contemplatively, with times of silence and listening for God's spirit
- To join us, click this [Zoom link](#)

Sunday Bible Study

- 9:40am - Fellowship and sharing prayer concerns
- 10:00am - Bible Study
- To join us, click this [Zoom link](#). Or, watch the Bible Study portion on [YouTube](#) beginning at 10am.

Daily Devotions

- You can pick up a copy of the *Reflections* daily devotional booklets from our church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



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

October 9: Brett Turner, Pam Hallissy
October 13: Joyce Martin
October 14: Gregg Proffitt

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!



Sunday Mornings

We invite you to join us for our Sunday morning worship services either by joining us in person or by worshiping 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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