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Waiting for Pentecost

In worship last Sunday, we took our place alongside the disciples at the moment of Christ's ascension into heaven. With this final episode, the Gospel of Luke comes to a close in a rather curious manner. A filmmaker creating a movie of the Gospel today might be tempted to end with the resurrection scene, or perhaps the film might fade to the credits as the disciples charge off into the sunset, ready to preach the Gospel to the world. But Luke's Gospel ends with the disciples returning to Jerusalem to pray, waiting for the Spirit to come.

This anticlimactic scene is not the most dramatic of endings, yet perhaps it is also where we find ourselves. Exhausted by a pandemic that just won't end. Overwhelmed by the tragedies of our world, including the horrific school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Fatigued by the demands of life in these uncertain times.

We find ourselves waiting for... something. It can be hard at times even to verbalize our hope. And so, at Pentecost, we come to pray that ancient, timeless prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit." Come into this world anew.

Worship presents us with the opportunity to juxtapose the timely and the timeless. We speak ancient words and sing timeless melodies, while holding them before the current events of our lives. This tension between the current and the eternal is a vital one to hold, particularly when the week's events are so overwhelming. So we hope that you will join us this Sunday, in the midst of such a tumultuous world, to celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit and the birth of the Church.

For now, though, in these days leading to Pentecost, we wait. Susan Beaumont, whose book I cited on Sunday, writes, "God's greatest work occurs in liminal space." In the strangeness of in-between times, and even in the stillness of patient waiting,

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 5, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

"God Speaks Your Language"
Rev. Val Fisk

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21

Anthem:

"Come and Be Joyful,"
arr. Hopson

SUNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Shirley Clark
Ushers: Ed Barker, Sue Sears

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, June 1

9:00 Work Team
10:00 PBJ Bible Study
12:00 Wednesday Treats
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, June 3

6:00 & 7:00 Softball Games

SUNDAY, June 5

8:30 Church Council (Hybrid)
11:00 Morning Worship

God's spirit is at work leading us into the future. May we be faithful in listening to that Spirit's call, that we might be witnesses—and agents—of God's work in our world.

Peace,
Will

Wear Red This Sunday!

Please join us in observing the special tradition of wearing red for Pentecost. Throughout the year, the colors associated with seasons of our liturgical calendar move between green (ordinary time) to blue (Advent) to purple (Lent) and to white (communion Sundays and seasons like Epiphany or Easter). But Pentecost is the only Sunday of the year that we dress our sanctuary in red vestments! Observe this unique day with us by wearing red to church on Sunday, June 5.

Prayer Concerns

Georgia Anne Wood is recovering from heart surgery at UVA.

Continue praying for families and the grieving community in Uvalde, Texas.

Volunteers Needed

Sign up to help us give out ice cream each Wednesday! Click [this link](#) to add your name and join us between 12:00 and 2:00 PM on the front steps at UBC. Contact Will Brown if you have any issues with the link.

MONDAY, June 6

Dr. Tennant Returns from Writing Leave

8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))

10:30 Bible Reading

Group ([Zoom](#))

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group

7:30 Enneagram Book Group (Hybrid)

TUESDAY, May 31

9:30 Staff Meeting

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail (Zoom)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

June 7: Jim Hallissy, Michael Mundell

June 8: Calvin Gregg

June 11: Pam Dean, Gary Wood, Will Wagoner

Save the Date - Town Hall June 22

Please mark your calendars for a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to update the congregation on progress concerning JARC (the periodic review of our Constitution and Bylaws), to hear a brief report on the status of the Music Minister Search Committee, and to hear a brief report from Matt about his writing leave this spring.

Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School registration is open! VBS will be held Tuesday-Friday, June 14-17, from 8:30 until 12:00 each day. Children age 4 through fifth grade are welcome to register [HERE](#). Please share this like with your family and friends! If you'd like to volunteer with VBS, please talk with Erin Brown.



Circle of Caring: Comfort Food Team

After last week's discussion of the Small Jobs and Transportation Team, today we continue to reflect on the Deacon-led Circle of Caring ministry by focusing on the Comfort Food Team. During

difficult seasons of life--whether it's a period of illness, a time of grief, the arrival of a new baby, or any other challenging time of life—there are few things more comforting than receiving a meal that has been lovingly prepared by a friend. This is precisely the ministry that our Comfort Food Team is tirelessly performing behind the scenes. This team organizes our congregation's efforts to ensure that meals are spaced out appropriately and that recipients are receiving the kind of food they enjoy eating. Just this week they began a new sign-up for regular deliveries to someone recovering after a stroke.

Do you know of someone who might benefit from receiving meals? Please contact the church office or one of our ministers. If you'd like to join the team, you can reach out to the Team Leader, Michelle Proffitt, or speak with our church staff. We'd love to have you join in this ministry!

Deacon Election

It is that time of year once again to elect Deacons to serve as leaders in our church, ensuring spiritual health and well-being. Voting for the new slate of names will take place from June 5 to June 18, with a digital ballot being emailed out on Sunday, June 5. Printed copies will be available at the church on June 5 as well, and can be mailed to any member who requests one. Please remember to sign your name to your ballot to ensure votes from all members can be confirmed and counted.

Office Staff Changes

As we make adjustments in the office due to the departure of our Financial Secretary, we will have a group of volunteers assisting with answering the phones and handling day to day tasks. Thank you to everyone who has jumped in to help already! Anyone else interested in signing up to help in the office can contact Val Fisk for a link to the sign up sheet.

Please email correspondence about financial matters to Richard Vaughan at treasurer@universitybaptist.org. Please email general correspondence to office@universitybaptist.org and the appropriate staff person will respond to you. Articles, updates, and announcements for the newsletter can be directed to Val Fisk vfisk@universitybaptist.org.

Soles for Souls Program End

After several years of hosting the Soles for Souls donation bin next to our playground, the Soles for Souls organization has ended their collection of shoes and clothing in Virginia. While we are sad to see this program end, we thank you for your donations for what was a very successful program for our community.

Flowers Bring Great Joy

If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, the 2022 Floral Calendar is posted in the first floor hallway. Sign up on the calendar AND email Sarah Buchanan sarahbucha@gmail.com to reserve your special date. She will order the flowers from Agape Florist for \$60 unless you want to provide them yourself.

Please make checks and online donations payable to UBC and earmark "sanctuary flowers." Available dates are:

6/5, 12, 19, 26

7/17, 24, 31

8/14, 21

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, please contact Sarah at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com and join us on the Floral Team. Sometimes it can be as simple as taking an already made arrangement out of the refrigerator or silk arrangement and placing it in the sanctuary.

Sunday Mornings

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. 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.

Masks & Social Distancing

University Baptist Church continues to follow the [recommendations of the CDC](#) as they are updated. At this time, Charlottesville and Albemarle have been assessed a yellow/medium Community Level, which means the CDC is recommending masks for people at high risk. Masks are currently optional at UBC events. Of course, individuals are welcome to continue wearing masks if they feel more comfortable doing so, and University Baptist Church will continue to welcome all folks into our worship services, with or without a mask. As we monitor the COVID case levels in our area, we will release updates notifying the congregation of any changes.

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