



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Charlottesville, VA

**Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ**  
**October 8, 2023**  
**19th Sunday After Pentecost**

Marking the Hour

Barbara Moore

*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.*

Opening Words

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Prelude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Pethel

Lighting the Candles

*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

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

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

Martha Ballenger

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**May our worship reflect God's glory.**

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

Let our prayer and praise, our singing, and proclamation project the love of God.

**We commune with Christians around the world,  
with Christians throughout time.**

With Christians across geography and across time,

**Let us worship!**

\*Hymn of Praise

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

\*Invocation

Rev. Susan Deal

Greeting

Rev. Deal

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row,  
so that we have a record of your presence with us today.*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:33-46 (p.803)

Judy Gough

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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*Hymn	<i>Higher Ground</i> <i>During the last stanza of this hymn, we invite the children to come forward for the Children's Sermon.</i>	HIGHER GROUND
Children's Sermon	<i>We invite children in grades K-2 to exit and continue worshipping in Children's Church upstairs in Room 210.</i>	Dr. Tennant
Special Music	<i>Like Melodies It Floweth</i>	Brahms
Morning Prayer and Blessing		Rev. Val Fisk

Giving is not a casual act—it relates God's work to our work. Peter writes: "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace, that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

**Let us give as people  
whose work is inextricably linked to God's great works  
of creation, redemption, and empowerment.**

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
**that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives.**

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*Doxology		
Epistle Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14 (p.955)	Beth Wright
	Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
Anthem	<i>Our Great Savior</i>	arr. Rouse
	<p>Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul!            Friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.            Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!            Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.            Jesus, what a Help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll!            Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.            Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him.            Tempted, tried and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.            Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!            Jesus, I do now receive Him; more than all in Him I find.            Christ in me, the Hope of glory, I am His, and He is mine!            Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!            Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.            He is with me to the end.</p>	
Sermon	Who Cares About the Game-Winning Shot?	Dr. Tennant
Meditation		Barbara Moore

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Invitation Dr. Tennant

*If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking  
with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.*

\*Hymn of Response *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*Benediction Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Jordan

*\*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Instrumentalists:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano Dan Pinkham: Cello

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### Church Staff

Senior Minister – Dr. Matthew Tennant  
Associate Minister for Students – Rev. Val Fisk  
Intentional Interim Minister of Music – Rev. Susan Deal  
Director of Jubilate and Voces Laetae – Will Cooke  
Organist – Barbara Moore  
Office Coordinator – Linda Weirich  
Financial Coordinator – Amanda Ohlms  
Custodian – Thomas Hill  
Social Media Assistant – Alaysia Toney  
Church Administrator – Alan Hendricks  
Education Coordinator – Rev. Tommy Deal

### Current Deacons

Debra Bryant  
Shirley Clark  
Ray Gaines  
Judy Gough  
Lily Gregg  
Alan Hendricks  
Jimmy Li  
Jackie Lockwood  
Carolyn Lowry  
Jen May  
Laura Morris  
Sheri Owen  
Michelle Proffitt  
Jennifer Wagoner

# University Baptist Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

**About Us:** University Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith, bringing together university students and area residents in worship, study, and service to our community. We seek to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family, and openly welcome and include all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family, working together as the hands and feet of our good and loving God. Learn more at [universitybaptist.org](http://universitybaptist.org).

**Newsletter:** If you would like to stay updated on all the latest news and events at UBC, please call or email the church office at [linda@universitybaptist.org](mailto:linda@universitybaptist.org).

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*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.*

## This Week at UBC

### SUNDAY, October 8

9:30 ESOL Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:30 Jubilate Dinner

### MONDAY, October 9

Church Office is closed  
10:30 Bible Reading Group  
7:30 Youth Council/Parents Mtg.

### TUESDAY, October 10

11:30 Annie Armstrong Circle  
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group  
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, October 11

9:00 Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Bible Study  
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 Wednesday Night Program  
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, October 12

7:00 Deacons' Meeting

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# Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

*Harmony*

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night;  
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing;



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

# Higher Ground

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize ... in Christ Jesus — Philippians 3:14 NIV*

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm  
 2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -  
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though Sa - tan's  
 4. I want to scale the ut - most height And catch a

gain - ing ev - 'ry day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,  
 rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,  
 darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joy - ful sound,  
 gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

"Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."  
 My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me  
 The song of saints on high - er ground.  
 "Lord, lead me on to high - er ground."

up and let me stand, By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land, A high - er  
 plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

WORDS: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1856-1922  
 MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

HIGHER GROUND  
 8.8.8.8.(L.M.) with Refrain

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

# Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*If you confess ... and believe ... you will be saved — Romans 10:9 NIV*

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, in my heart,  
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, in my heart,  
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, in my heart,  
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

In my heart, In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart.

WORDS: Adapt. John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925 and  
Frederick J. Work, 1879-1942  
MUSIC: Negro Spiritual; adapt. Frederick J. Work, 1879-1942

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
Irregular