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Glimpses of Easter

A WORD from WILL



What does Easter look like? Perhaps our minds envision lilies in the sanctuary, a packed congregation wearing bright colors and new outfits, or the fun of Easter Egg Hunts, jelly beans, and Reese's cups. But beyond those associations... what does Easter look like, not

just as an event but as a season? In the life of a congregation, where do we experience resurrection?

Many of us experienced a glimpse of Easter joy this Sunday, listening to Jubilate. After two long pandemic years, how wonderful it was to experience a Jubilate Homecoming Concert again! Is this an image of resurrection, God's gift of new life?

To be honest, many of us wondered if this day would come. The pandemic has wreaked havoc on many organizations, including religious ones. Down to only a few students, had Jubilate come to its end? Alba Beasley did a remarkable job holding the existing Jubilate students in place during the many months when group singing wasn't possible. Then, under the musical direction of Will Cooke, the caring presence of Val Fisk, the experienced accompaniment of Barbara Moore, and the student leadership of Alexis Haskiell, this year the group has begun singing and growing once again. Resurrection!

Isn't it remarkable how this sort of resurrection is both a gift from God and the result of many hours of human labor? We all experienced Sunday as a gift from God. Yet this day would not have happened without those listed above, along with the volunteers providing the reception (under Debby Johnson's excellent

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 8, 2022
11:00 AM

Sermon

Kim Bunns
"Too Legit to Quit"

Scripture:

Matthew 15:21-28

Anthem:

"Mary Speaks"
Arr. Gawthrop

UNDAY SERVICE

Deacons: Jackie Lockwood
Ushers: Bob Gough and Shirley Clark

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 4

9:00 Work Team
11:00 Wednesday Treats
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Bible Study - Romans
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

FRIDAY, May 6

6:00 UBC Softball Game

SUNDAY, May 8

9:30 ESOL Classes
10:00 Sunday Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship

leadership) and live-streaming the concert ([watch the recording here](#)). And, of course, we give thanks to the students singing in the group. God makes room for us to be part of God's work in the world.

Where are you experiencing Easter this year? Where has God shown you a glimpse of resurrection? Whether it is Jubilate's return, the resumption of Wednesday dinners, the upcoming Sanctuary Choir benefit concert, the deacons' new food preservation project, or simply the sight of each other in the sanctuary, this has been a season of hope and new life. And we get to be part of it!

Where will your participation help bring about God's resurrection?

Blessings,
Will Brown



Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to the family and friends of Sandi Jones Garrison, a former UBC member who died on May 2.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Come one, come all! This Wednesday night at 5:30, Larry Johnson is providing a Thanksgiving feast for our dinner: turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing, and dessert. Suggested donation: \$5. Afterward, Tommy Deal is continuing the four-part series on the book of Romans. If you have a chance, please read Romans 5-8 as preparation for our discussion.

Kids and Families!

Vacation Bible School registration is open! VBS will be Tuesday-Friday, June 14-17, and all are welcome! Register [HERE](#), and pass along to your family and friends!

Blood Drive

One week from today, we will host a blood drive in the fellowship hall. We need four volunteers during each hour of the day in order to staff the event. Volunteers will help with things like set up at 9:00 AM, welcoming and directing donors to the appropriate waiting areas, and helping donors sign in for their appointments. You can sign up for just a couple hours, or for the whole day! A sign up sheet is available in the church lobby.

MONDAY, May 9

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

10:00 Blood Drive

10:30 Bible Reading Group ([Zoom](#))

TUESDAY, May 10

9:30 Staff Meeting

12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

7:00 Environmental Book Group

For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

May 11: Michael Cheuk

May 13: Eddy Tennant and Michele Turner

May 15: Tom Mahone and Shelby Clements

May 16: Jacob Morris

May 17: Barbara Weber, Lucille Holliday, Laurie Pallini and Bill Murray

You can sign up to give blood next Monday at redcross.org (just search by zip code and scroll down to find the UBC listing). Those who are interested in volunteering for the blood drive should get in touch with Jackie Lockwood (jackielockwood46@gmail.com) or Alexis Haskiell (aoh8bb@virginia.edu), or add their name to the sign up sheet in the church lobby.

Donations needed for local refugees

Kittie Colvin Trail and Annie Armstrong Circles are joining forces to support current refugee resettling in Charlottesville. As more local businesses provide discounted furniture items, UBC is focusing on necessary items that new home dwellers require. Instead of repurposing furniture, we are now collecting cleaning and disposable items for starting up households.

Laundry baskets are available in the lobby and fellowship hall to receive the following items: *Microfiber mop, cleaning bucket, disposable gloves, toilet bowl brush, swiffer duster, disinfectant spray (Lysol), All purpose cleaner (Lysol), double sided sponges and microfiber cloths, glass cleaner, paper towels, toilet tissue, bathroom cleaner, clorox wipes, broom & dust pan, tall kitchen trash can, tall kitchen trash bags, laundry detergent, dish soap, vacuum cleaner, front door mat, shampoo & toothpaste-men, women, kids; soap.*

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sarah & Jen

Fundraising Concert for The Haven

Save the date to join us for a concert to benefit The Haven on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 PM. This concert will feature the UBC Sanctuary Choir, Voces Laetae, the Voices of Virginia, and the Choirs of Charlottesville High School.



The poster for the Fundraising Concert for The Haven features a central image of a brick building with a sign that reads "THE HAVEN". The text on the poster includes: "Fundraising Concert for THE HAVEN", "Sunday, May 15th 2:00 pm at The Haven", "Featuring:" followed by logos for "The Choirs of Charlottesville High School", "Voces Laetae", "Voices of Virginia", and "The Sanctuary Choir of University Baptist Church". On the right side, it states "Admission is FREE", "donations encouraged to benefit The Haven", and "Questions? Contact Will Cooke, WillCooke@charlottesville-schools.org".

Sunday Bible Study in May

During the month of May, Will Brown will lead the Fellowship Hall Bible Study group that has been meeting 10:00-10:30. We will meet on the first four Sundays of May, concluding on May 22.

Writing Leave for Senior Minister

From April 25 through June 5, Matt Tennant will take time away from UBC to complete a book he has been writing for several years (*Freedom and Existence: The Existentialism of Liberation Theology*). Val Fisk and Will Brown will share pulpit duties with Reverend Kim Bunns, who has preached at UBC previously, in addition to being available to handle pastoral care needs as they arise.

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 green/low Community Level, which means the CDC is not recommending people wear masks. Masks are now 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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