



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ**  
**January 21, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Marking the Hour

*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.*

Barbara Moore

Opening Words

Rev. Susan Deal

Prelude

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Johnson

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 Psalms 96 & 98)

Ingrid Flaherty

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**

Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands, let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

**Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.**

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the Lord who reigns.

**O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

\*Hymn of Praise 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

\*Invocation

Sheri Owen

Greeting

Sheri Owen

*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.*

UBC Moment

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Music is an integral part of the work of the people of God. God's people have always sung. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Moses and Miriam sang. When Samuel was born, Hannah sang. When the exiles were in Babylon, they wondered if their song was lost—it wasn't, and they sang. When Gabriel brought good news of great joy to Mary, she sang. The early church sang hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs, and we have been singing ever since. God's gift of music is not just to those with melodious voices, but to those whose hearts are tuned to the praise of God. Our song requires all of our voices. Thus, as we dedicate this new hymnal, we also recommit ourselves to the singing work of the people of God.

*To the choir:* Do you promise to use your gift of song, of harmony, of weaving together instruments and voices as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

*To other ensembles and musicians:* Do you promise to use your musical gifts to share the message of the gospel, to combine voice, instruments, and much joy?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

*To the congregation:* Do you promise to add your voice to the hymns we sing? Will you sing with honesty and humility whether the song is old or new, comforting or challenging, triumphant or contemplative?

**We will, by the grace of God.**

First Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39-55 (p.831-32)

Diane Mundell & Laura Martindale

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 646

*Sing Out, My Soul*

MAGNIFICAT

Children's Sermon

Rev. Deal

Prayer of Dedication

Tommy Deal

To you, O God,

**we offer our thanks and praise. We know that your creative power is the source of every good gift. Today, we take delight in the special gift of these hymnals.**

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.*

Thank you for members of this congregation whose vision, energy, and resources have helped to make this new hymnal available for our use.

**Thank you for all those who worked to create this song collection for your wider church: composers, poets, and artists; editors, publishers, and committee members.**

Thank you for the guidance of your Spirit in the many decisions required through long years of dedicated service.

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.*

Thank you for the gift of music that stirs our hearts,

**instructs our minds,**

strengthens our spirits,

**and sets our bodies in motion.**

Thank you for old songs that keep us connected with saints and traditions from our past,  
**and for new songs that create a legacy for future generations.**

Thank you for songs from our culture that express our heritage in familiar melodies and rhythms,  
**and for songs from other cultures that open us to the variety of ways in which your people offer praise around the world.**

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.*

We thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions.

**May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship you.**

By your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God.

**Amen**

Anthem *When in Our Music God is Glorified (Hymn 641)* arr. Ziegenhals

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!  
How often making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!  
So has the Church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia. Alleluia!  
And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!  
**Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!**  
**And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession Rev. Deal

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\*Doxology 607

Second Gospel Lesson Luke 14:15-24 (p.849) Bob Gough  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon From 'It is Well' to 'For Everyone Born' Dr. Tennant

\*Hymn of Response 769 *For Everyone Born* SLANE  
*If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking  
with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.*

\*Benediction Dr. Tennant

\*Postlude *When in Our Music God is Glorified* arr. Kerrick

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

Instrumentalist:  
Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano

# 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).

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## This Week at UBC

### SUNDAY, January 21

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting  
9:30 ESOL Class  
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study  
11:00 Morning Worship  
12:15 Choir Decollating Event  
5:00 Jubilate Rehearsal  
6:30 College Dinner  
7:00 Jazz Vespers

### MONDAY, January 22

10:30 Bible Reading Group  
12:30 Missions Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, January 23

7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY, January 24

8:00 Work Team Breakfast @The Villa  
9:00 Work Team  
10:00 PBJ Meeting  
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Senior Minister: Dr. Matthew Tennant

Associate Minister for Students: Rev. Val Fisk

Intentional Interim Minister of Music: Rev. Susan Deal