



UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome, as we join together to Worship God in Christ
August 25, 2024
14th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHER

Marking the Hour	<i>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.</i>	Barbara Moore
Opening Words	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	Rev. Susan Deal
Prelude	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell, Rejoice</i> An interpretation of Hymn 385	arr. Jordan
Lighting the Candles	<i>We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the Light of the world which guides us through life.</i>	
Opening the Bible	<i>We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.</i>	
Call to Worship	<i>Come Before His Presence Singing</i> Sanctuary Choir	John Purifoy
*Hymn 509	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	HOLY MANNA
Invocation		Rev. Elizabeth Rickert Dowdy
Greeting	<i>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.</i>	Rev. Dowdy

HEAR

Old Testament Lesson	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 (p. 187-88)	Beth Wright
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God!		

*Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

Anthem *I Am His Lamb* Williams/Larson
Jess Lamberty, Santiago Pinto, Jim & Barbara Moore

Morning Prayer Gary Dalton
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Facebook page and at universitybaptist.org/give.*

*Doxology 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Gospel Lesson John 6:56-69 (p. 868) Ingrid Flaherty
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Choices Rev. Mandy England Cole

Meditation Barbara Moore

RESPOND

Stewardship Moment Dr. Matthew Tennant

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

*Hymn 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Blessing of the Backpacks Litany Rev. Dowdy

Our children have come with their backpacks and their hearts full of hope for a new school year.
Precious children of this church family, we want you to have a playful, healthy, and safe
school year.

May you learn with enthusiasm, play with purpose, and persevere through challenges.
All: Loving God, bless our children as they learn and grow.

Our teachers, administrators, and school staff have prepared diligently for this new beginning.
Courageous educators, we support you in your good work.

May you have first-day energy, compassion, and patience with your students all year long!
All: Loving God, bless our teachers and staff as they work and serve.

Our college and graduate students and educators have come, weighed down with course loads and
buoyed up by dreams.

Lifelong learners, we join you in approaching our world with curiosity and interest.

May you have a spirit of open-mindedness, integrity, and collaboration as you strive to under-
stand and improve our human condition.

**All: Loving God, bless our college and graduate students and educators in their work
and studies.**

Our parents and families are here, full of hope for the future and nostalgia over first-days of years'
past.

Moms and dads, grandparents and guardians, all of you who take and wait for first-day-of-
school photos of the kids we love, we see you!

We give thanks for the supplies you have purchased, the clothes you have paid for, the
pickups and drop-offs you will do, the games and performances you will attend, and the love you
will extend.

May you feel the full joy of watching your children grow. On tough days, may you also feel the
reassurance that you are not alone.

All: Loving God, bless our parents and families as they love with your love.

SEND

*Benediction

Rev. Dowdy & Rev. Cole

*Postlude

What a Wonderful Savior

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

Instrumentalists:

Barbara Moore: Organ/Piano Susan Deal: Piano

We welcome Rev. Mandy England Cole to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Cole is an experienced pastor having served as minister with Ginter Park Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church in Richmond, and with Sardis Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Currently she is a freelance minister serving in numerous capacities: as a guest preacher, teacher, and as a certified preaching coach. She also serves as the Program Associate helping to oversee a program of Union Presbyterian Seminary supporting preachers in their first seven years of ministry. She is a graduate of Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond and of Meredith College. She lives in Mechanicsville with her husband, sons, and their very

This Week at UBC

SUNDAY, August 25

9:30 ESOL/Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Morning Bible Study
11:00 Morning Worship
3:00 Ice Cream Social
4:30 Jubilate Rehearsal
6:00 College Dinner

MONDAY, August 26

12:30 Missions Council Meeting

TUESDAY, August 27

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group
7:00 Voces Laetae Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, August 28

9:00 Work Team
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Program
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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.

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