

welcome

to university baptist church

welcome to ubc

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us today.

If you are new to UBC, thank you for being our special guest. We'd love to greet you personally, so please drop by our Connection Café after worship today. For more information or if we can help you in any way, visit our website at ubc.org or call the church office at 281.488.8517 and we will be happy to assist you.

Steve Laufer, SENIOR PASTOR

how to connect

Because we value connection here at UBC, here are some quick ways to get and stay connected: ① download the UBC Houston App; ② join a small group; ③ visit the UBC web site; ④ sign up for our weekly E-news; ⑤ read your worship guide.

social media

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March 18, 2018



Prelude UBC Orchestra
He the Pearly Gates Will Open

Welcome to Worship Randy Cox

A TIME OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship Sanctuary Choir & Congregation
Glory to His Name

Invocation Steve Johnson

Hymn of Dedication Congregation
Be Strong in the Lord #476

Pastoral Prayer Aaron Glenn

Song of Response Congregation
Holy Is the Lord #666

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Melissa Dutton
2 Kings 17:7-8, 12-14, 18-20

Anthem Sanctuary Choir
God of Glory, Lord of Love

Today's Message

"A Community Exiled"

Rick Carpenter

2 Kings 17: 7-20; Jeremiah 29: 4-14
(Pew Bible Pages #273-274, 558)

Song of Response Congregation
Beneath the Cross of Jesus #291

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Deacon Offertory Prayer Wayne Hale

Offertory Sanctuary Choir
God So Loved the World

Announcements/Benediction Rick Carpenter

Closing Song Congregation
He Keeps Me Singing #425

Welcome

Kyle Wilson

Worship in Song

You Have Won Me

King of My Heart

Scripture Reading

Aaron Glenn

2 Kings 17:7-8; 12-14; 18-20 (NIV)

O Come to the Altar

Offering Prayer

Jenny Verghese

Your Love Is Strong

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Rick Carpenter

Song of Response

Immanuel

Announcements & Benediction

Rick Carpenter

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please feel free to stop by the Connection Café.

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happening **now**

Preschool Easter Springtacular—Bring your Easter baskets and join the fun! Hop on over and enjoy egg hunts, petting zoo, train, pony rides, food and more! This is a free event for preschoolers and their parents. ▷ *Sat, Mar 24, 10 am-12 pm, UBC grounds*

Student UM Army Serving Trip—Students (who have completed grades 8-12) spend a week providing free home repairs for those who are physically or financially unable to do so. Registration deadline is TODAY, **March 18**. Go to ubc.org/student-events to learn more and to register. ▷ *Trip dates: July 8-14*

Illumination Arts—Visual artists and art lovers are invited to join our artist community. This month, Merlyn Brown will help us discover color, design, craftsmanship, and vision in a quilting project. For info, contact Julie Ranna at illuminationartsministry@gmail.com. ▷ *Tues, Mar 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, Chapel*

Easter Lily Dedications—The church will be decorated with lilies to celebrate Easter. Dedicate a lily in honor/remembrance of someone special (\$10) with special envelopes located in the pews. Please indicate whether your gift is in honor of or in memory of someone, along with his or her name. Deadline is March 25!

United Worship—Students (grades 6-12) are invited to come together in fellowship for this special worship event. ▷ *Sun, Mar 25, 6 pm, 3rd Floor*

Parent Forum: Love People Not Pixels—Come learn how loving and empathetic conversations about healthy sexuality can empower your kids against the dangers of pornography. ▷ *Sun, Mar 25, 6-7:15 pm, Chapel*

Bay Area Working Women's Fellowship Lunch—If you are a working woman in the Bay Area looking for Christian fellowship and encouragement, join us for this fun-filled lunch. Cost is \$20 per person (cash, check, or credit card at the door). RSVP to Sharon Morris at sharoncochranmorris@gmail.com or call 713.498.0566. ▷ *Thurs, Apr 5, 12-1 pm, Bay Oaks Country Club*

Financial Peace University—Dave Ramsey offers practical help enabling families to pay off debt, save for the future, give something away, and find real peace. Cost \$100, includes workbook and CDs of all lessons. Kingdom Care (childcare) is available. ▷ *Sundays starting, Apr 8, 5 pm, EB 104*

New to UBC Luncheon—Are you interested in becoming a member of UBC or have you joined UBC in the past year? Join us for lunch to learn more. Questions? Please contact stephanie.zamora@ubc.org. ▷ *Sun, Mar 25, 12:15 pm, Chapel*

April Primetime Dinner—Join the senior adults and share in an evening of fellowship and entertainment with a special performance by Rick Carpenter as he reprises his comical rendition of I.B. Hamm. Cost is \$10. ▷ *Thurs, Apr 5, 6:30–8:30 pm, Chapel*

HOLY WEEK AT UBC

Palm Sunday: Festival of Praise ▷ *Sun, Mar 25, Worship Center*
~ 9:30 am • Traditional worship with choir and orchestra
~ 11:00 am • Contemporary worship with praise band

Maundy Thursday ▷ *Thurs, Mar 29, WBS homes and Chapel*
~ 6:30 pm • Service in the Chapel to remember Christ with the Lord's supper, for anyone not already in a home-group gathering

Good Friday Service ▷ *Fri, Mar 30, Worship Center*
~ 12:15 pm • Midday worship service to focus on Jesus' work on the cross

Easter Sunday Services ▷ *Sun, Apr 1*

* *Preschool WBS is offered for birth–3 years during all services*

~ 8:00 am • Traditional worship with gospel hymns, Chapel

~ 9:30 am • Traditional worship with choir and orchestra, Worship Center

~ 11:00 am • Contemporary worship with praise band and singers, Worship Center

New Men's Study: 33 Series—Join this 6-week men's group starting April 8th. We will discuss the Journey to Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus in His 33 years on earth. Questions? Contact Rick Wright at rawright4@outlook.com.
▷ *Sundays beginning Apr 8, 9:30 am, EB 106*

Faith@Home Marriage Event: The Grass is Greener Where You Water It—Dinner and stories of hope from real marriages. Cost is \$20 per person. To register, go to ubc.org/marriage. Deadline to register for Kingdom Care (birth–5th grade) is April 2nd. ▷ *Fri, Apr 13, 6:30 pm, UBC*

Don't miss out on an Amazing Summer at UBC!—Register now!

Preschool—ubc.org/preschool-events

- Play Days: July 16–19, 9 am–1 pm

Children—ubc.org/kids-summer

- Sports Camp: June 4–7, 8:30 am–4 pm
- VBS (Preschool & Children): June 11–14, 8:30 am–12:15 pm
- Kamp Kaboom: July 23–26, 8:30 am–5 pm
- Preteen Camp: July 29–Aug 2, Lake Tomahawk

Students—ubc.org/student-events

- Silvercliff (IS & HS Camp): June 23–30

current **worship series:** *Faces of Community*

A Community Exiled (2 Kgs 17:7-20, 24:15-16, 25:8-12; Jer 29:4-14, 46:27)—The great question surrounding the exile was “How did this happen?” How could the God of the Israelites have been defeated by the gods of the Assyrians and Babylonians? The message of the prophets resounded with the reminder that the exile had come to pass because of the sins of the nation. Sin carries consequences, for individuals and communities. And while dealing with the consequences of their sin in a foreign land, some of the Israelites lost their identity, and their purpose, and in so doing, lost awareness of the presence of God who wanted to restore them to right relationship with himself, and to bless them even while in exile. So the prophets called them not only to the hope of restoration, but to an “in the meantime” life of meaning and purpose, even while they lived in exile. We all struggle with sin and how it separates us from God, from one another, and from those outside our community. But the call of God is a call to repent, to find forgiveness, and to never lose hope of going home.

How to . . . Join the UBC Family—Join us on the journey to realizing our full potential in Christ. ▷ *Sun, Mar 25, 11 am, EB 228*

La traducción al español en vivo ya está disponible!—El servicio de las 11 en punto tiene una transmisión en vivo en español. Paquetes de audífonos están disponibles para escuchar. Solicítalo a un ujier.

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attendance update

Last Week WORSHIP 742 BIBLE STUDY 608

giving update

Last Week’s Offering	\$78,795
Weekly Requirement	\$70,000
FY2018 Budget (Oct-Feb)	\$1,566,000
Actual Giving	\$1,739,000



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