

# 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](http://ubc.org) or call the church office at 281.488.8517 and we will be happy to assist you.

*Steve Laufer*, SENIOR PASTOR

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## 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.

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## social media

- [facebook/UBCHouston](#)
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May 20, 2018



Prelude Alleluia Handbells  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Welcome to Worship Blair Lamont &  
Jonathan Howard

### A TIME OF WORSHIP

Procession of Graduates UBC Seniors

Recognition of Graduates Kyle Wilson

Hymn of Praise Congregation  
*The Church's One Foundation*

Pastoral Prayer Rick Carpenter

Song of Response Sanctuary Choir &  
Congregation  
*He Is Here*

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Amaryst Wynn  
Matt. 13:31-33, 44-46

Anthem Sanctuary Choir  
*Prayer to Jehovah*

#### Today's Message

"Connecting People to God's Kingdom (Part 1)"

Dr. Steve Laufer

Matthew 13

(Pew Bible Pages #690-692)

Song of Response Congregation  
*Speak to My Heart #281*

### A TIME OF THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Katy Pyle

Offertory Ashley Zamora  
*Dust*

Announcements/Benediction Dr. Steve Laufer

Closing Song Congregation  
*Because He Lives*

*Altar Flowers in honor of Rick and Kay Carpenter, in celebration of 48 years of ministry. From UBC Staff*

**Welcome**

David Pugh, Rachel Reyna

**Graduate Recognition****Worship in Song**

*Lord I Need You*

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

**Scripture Reading**

Zach Kimbrough

Matt. 13:31-33, 44-46

*O Come to the Altar*

**Offering Prayer**

Evan Albright

*Dust*

Ashley Zamora

**Today's Message**

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**Song of Response**

*Reckless Love*

**Announcements & Benediction**

Steve Laufer

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**

**Senior Graduation Sunday**—In celebration of their achievements and future successes, we invite you to join us in honoring our high school graduates! Stop by the Fellowship Hall after services and visit each graduate's table to offer your personal congratulations. ▷ *TODAY, both worship services and the Fellowship Hall*

**“Change for Life” Baby Bottle Fundraiser** for the Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center has begun. This UBC supported ministry is a lifeline of hope to women in unplanned pregnancies. Please pick up your bottle in Fellowship Hall, fill it with change, and return the bottle by Father's Day. Last year you gave \$5,632.16 through this fundraiser! Thank you, UBC, for your support of this ministry of care and compassion. ▷ *Every Sunday through Jun 17, 8:15 am-1 pm, Fellowship Hall*

**Rick Carpenter's Retirement**—Be a part of a special retirement celebration for Rick Carpenter! You can also celebrate Rick's retirement by giving to the love offering (write “Love Offering” in the memo field or the envelope). ▷ *TONIGHT, 6 pm*

**Dine Out to Donate**—Join the UBC Foundation for a delicious way to raise money! On May 21, visit one of the participating restaurants, present a coupon or code from UBC's coupon booklet and the restaurant will donate a portion of your meal to the foundation. Visit our table in the Fellowship Hall to learn more and to pick up a coupon booklet or download the flyers online at [ubc.org/foundation](http://ubc.org/foundation). ▷ *Monday, May 21 at participating restaurants*

**Popsicles on the Playground**—Preschoolers (birth-Kindergarten) and their parents: Come kick off the summer with us! Bring chairs and towels and be prepared to get wet! Popsicles will be provided. ▷ *Wed, May 23, 9-11 am, main playground*

**Focus Meeting**—Get the latest stories and reports of UBC ministries at our quarterly Focus Meeting. UBC's Focus! Publication, featuring stories and reports of UBC ministries, is available for pick up in the Connection Café, through the UBC Houston free mobile app, or for download online. ▷ *Sun, May 27, 7 pm, The Hangar*

**How to . . . Join the UBC Family**—Join us on the journey to realizing our full potential in Christ. ▷ *Sun, June 3, 11 am, EB 228*

**College and Career Group**—We are restarting our College and Career group! This is a great way for students who are home for the summer and 20-something young professionals to get connected. We have a great summer of events and studies planned. For more info, contact [groups@ubc.org](mailto:groups@ubc.org). ▷ *Sunday mornings, 9:30 am, EB 101*

**Preschool Family Missions**—Are you searching for practical ways to serve others this summer with the whole family? Join us in June, July, and August for Ready Set GO! - Preschool family mission projects. For the month of June, we will collect nonperishable food for Clear Lake Food Pantry. Donation boxes will be posted at the Chapel, reception, and Preschool. Food will be delivered by KJOY-ers the following week. ▷ *Food Collection is June 3-24*

**Sports Camp**—The goal for this camp is to work hard to learn and improve basketball, volleyball or tennis skills and develop a strong sense of teamwork while maintaining a safe, Christian learning environment. TENNIS is full, but there is plenty of room in volleyball or basketball! For more info and to register, visit [ubc.org/kids-summer](http://ubc.org/kids-summer). ▷ *Mon-Thurs, Jun 4-7, 8:30 am-4 pm*

**Vacation Bible School**—Hundreds of kids will be there! Will you help? To volunteer, visit our table in the Fellowship Hall. To donate, bring snacks or to register your child (5 years-5th grade), visit [ubc.org/kids-summer](http://ubc.org/kids-summer). ▷ *Mon-Thurs, Jun 11-14, 8:30 am-12:15 pm*

**Silver Cliff Ranch**—Located in the middle of the mountains, Silver Cliff is one of America's premiere campgrounds. Students (6th-12th grade), don't miss out on one of the most incredible times in the life of our Student Ministry. Campers must attend one of the two following meetings with one parent/guardian: Wednesday, June 6, 6 pm or Sunday, June 10, 4 pm. Last day to register and have all payments made is **May 27**. ▷ *Camp Dates, Jun 23-30, Nathrop, CO*

**UM Army**—We need adult sponsors for this Student Ministries serving trip! Spend a week with students providing free home repairs for those who are physically or financially unable to do so. For more info, email [bstalcup@ubc.org](mailto:bstalcup@ubc.org). ▷ *Trip dates, July 8-14*

## current **worship series:**

***Our Mission: Becoming a family of Christ followers, connecting people with God’s Kingdom***

***Connecting People to God’s Kingdom (Part 1)*** (Matt 13; 11:1-6; 12:22-28)—The Kingdom of God is the most biblical summary description of all of God’s work in the world. Like any “kingdom,” it presumes the Lord as King, and seeks to bring all of creation under his rule and reign. Unlike many kingdoms, Jesus modeled a pathway that sought to accomplish this goal through peace and love instead of conquest and violence. But the Kingdom extends to all things! God is reconciling to himself people, communities, and all of creation. It started small and has continued to grow for almost two millennia now. Christ followers live as citizens of God’s Kingdom, both here and now, and also in the age to come. And they serve under his banner, to bring about the reconciling, saving work of Christ himself.

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**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 audifonos están disponibles para escuchar. Solicitalo a un ujier.

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## ubc staff

**Dr. Steven Laufer** Senior Pastor  
**David Mobley** Executive Director  
**Rick Carpenter** Pastor of Care Ministries  
**Aaron Glenn** Pastor of Serving Ministries  
**Dr. Garet Robinson** Pastor of Adult Ministries  
**Terri Greer** Assoc. Pastor of Preschool Ministries

**Karen Murphy** Assoc. Pastor of Children’s Ministries  
**Kyle Wilson** Assoc. Pastor of Student Ministries  
**Guy Cagle** Interim Pastor of Worship Ministries  
**Ben Sandstrom** Assoc. Pastor of Contemporary Worship Ministries

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## attendance update

Last Week	WORSHIP 904	BIBLE STUDY 732
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## giving update

Last Week’s Offering	\$56,223
Weekly Requirement	\$70,000
FY2018 Budget (Oct-April)	\$2,232,000
Actual Giving	\$2,468,000



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