

*“Empowered by God’s grace, as members of the Union Baptist Church, we gather together in community as the Body of Christ seeking to strengthen our faith and serve the world with love in response to God’s call.”*  
~ Mission Statement of Union Baptist Church ~

THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 2, 2021

**Fifth Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday**

10:30 a.m.

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WELCOME

*If you are our guest this morning we are glad you have joined us! Please take a moment to complete the Welcome Card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate, or return it to a worship leader.*

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Welcome Paul Rogers

Prelude *Reflection on "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"* MARTIN

Call to Worship Paul Rogers

Leader: God is the True Vine,

**People: And we are the branches.**

Leader: We are connected to God.

**People: Connected to bear fruit!**

Leader: We are connected to God.

**People: Or we wither away.**

Leader: We are connected to God.

**People: Or we are useless to God!**

Leader: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**People: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!**

Hymn of Praise #293 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

Invocation and Lord's Prayer ("*debts*") Paul Rogers

Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Bringing of Gifts

Prayer

Offertory

*Meditation on "Christe, du Lamm Gottes"*

PENFIELD

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call for Prayer Prayers of the People Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Brown
Scripture ( <i>New Test. p. 96</i> )	Acts 8: 26-40	Keith Norris
Sermon	“Hard Faith”	Dr. Brown
Communion Hymn #281	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	CWM RHONDDA
Service of Communion The America for Christ Offering Offertory The Invitation The Bread The Cup Reaffirming our Church Covenant	<i>O Gentle Savior (Chancel Choir)</i>	MCCARTHA
Hymn of Dedication #339	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
Benediction		Dr. Brown
Postlude	<i>Fanfare Triumphant</i>	PENFIELD

## IN CELEBRATION

Today’s worship flowers are given by Wendy Norris in celebration of Keith’s birthday.

## TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS

**Cantor:** Clare Rogers

**Ushers:** Paula Fowler & Janice Wilson

**Greeter:** Bill Adams

**Please Note:** *The offering plates will not be passed during the service.  
Plates are available at both entrances/exits.*

## AN INVITATION

The members of Union Baptist Church sincerely extend to you the invitation to follow the Master, Jesus Christ as a member of our congregation. A member is received in one of the following ways:

- (1) transfer of letter of membership from another Christian Church
- (2) upon profession of faith and baptism
- (3) statement of faith when no record of membership/baptism can be secured from one’s former church, or
- (4) restoration of active membership if previously a member became inactive

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, May 2

9:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Forum (Zoom)  
10:30 A.M. Worship (S/Facebook Live)

## Monday, May 3

9:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00 P.M. Al-Anon (FH/Zoom)

## Tuesday, May 4

10:00 A.M. Mat Yoga (Zoom)

## Wednesday, May 5

10:00 A.M. NO Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
**10:00 A.M. Mother's Day Flower Sale**  
12:00 P.M. OA (Zoom)  
6:00 P.M. ACOA (FH)

## Thursday, May 6

**10:00 A.M. Mother's Day Flower Sale**  
10:00 A.M. Chair Yoga (Zoom)  
4:30 P.M. AA (FH)  
6:00 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (FH/Zoom)

## Friday, May 7

**10:00 A.M. Mother's Day Flower Sale**  
1:00 P.M. Crafting in Joanie's Room (MH)  
7:30 P.M. Women's AA (Zoom)

## Saturday, May 8

**9:00 A.M. Mother's Day Flower Sale**  
7:00 P.M. AA (FH)

## Sunday, May 9

9:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Forum (Zoom)  
10:30 A.M. Worship (S/Facebook Live)

FH ..... Fellowship Hall  
HT ..... Happy Time Room  
MH ..... Morgan House  
O ..... Office  
MPR..... Multi-purpose Room  
PS..... Pastor's Study  
S ..... Sanctuary

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## **Annual Meeting Reports Due- Monday, May 3**

Ministry Team Leaders, please submit a brief report to the office by May 3rd.

## **Scholarship Applications Due- Monday, May 3**

Applications were sent to all current college students to be returned by May 3. If you are beginning college in the fall, please email the office for the full packet.

## **Mother's Day Flower Sale-**

**Wed. May 5th -Sat. May 8th** (10-2 W-F/9-12 Sat.)

Beautiful hanging baskets will be on the front steps of the church, proceeds to benefit UBC and local non-profit tbd.

## **Blanket Sunday, May 9th (Mother's Day)**

The Women's Fellowship invites you to dedicate a blanket in honor of a woman who has made a difference in your life. Each blanket is \$10. **Submit by May 3rd.**

## **Saturday, May 22**

Camp Wightman - Work Day- 9 am - 12 pm

## **Sunday, May 23**

UBC Annual Meeting via Zoom- 1pm

## **Sunday, June 13**

All Church Picnic-following Worship

## **Lectionary Readings** for Weekly Bible Studies

Faithement ..... Mon., 9:30 A.M.  
Women's Bible Study ..... Wed., 10:00 A.M.  
Faithement ..... Thurs., 6:00 P.M.

### **Week of May 2**

Acts 8:26-40  
1 John 4:7-21

Psalms 22:25-31  
John 15:1-8

### **STAFF**

MINISTER .....Rev. Dr. Lonnie A. Brown  
MINISTER EMERITUS .....Rev. Dr. G. Kenneth Carpenter  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ..... Janice Brewer  
ORGANIST ..... Dr. John Dreslin  
ADMIN. ASSISTANT ..... April Sauchuk  
CUSTODIAL SERVICE..... Seabird Corporation  
MINISTERS .....Members of the Congregation