

Prelude Rachel Strong

\* Call to Worship & Invocation Derek Willis  
*Welcome to the community of faith, the family of God!*  
 We come as families, large and small in number,  
 seeking God's love.  
*God's love is here for you.*  
 Help us to understand how we are connected to God.  
*We abide in Christ Jesus, in love and compassion.*  
 May our spirits be renewed and our connection to God be  
 strengthened through our worship today.

\* Hymn 306 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome and Announcements Houston Franks

\* Hymn 235 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
*children may exit for children's church*

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b Jamie Pittman

Graduate Recognition Linda Breazeale  
*Nicholas Dinep-Schneider (B.S., Computer Science)*

Prayers of the People Linda Breazeale  
*"Lord, hear our prayer."*

John 20:19-23 Bert Montgomery

Special Music Three Strong Women

Message Bert Montgomery  
*Why Is Forgiveness So Hard?*

Silent Reflection

\* Offertory Hymn 241 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

\* Offertory Prayer Joe Evans

Offertory Music Three Strong Women

Invitation to Respond Bert Montgomery

\* Hymn 231 "Breathe on Me"

\* Benediction Bert Montgomery

\* Parting Hymn 268 "We Are One in the Bond Of Love"

Postlude Rachel Strong  
*\* please stand, if able*



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#### ABOUT LANGUAGE AND WORSHIP AT UBC

UBC understands the power language has to either limit or broaden our understanding and experience of God. While we do not change every reading or hymn in our service, we do try to balance cultural and gender references to include all persons in the worship of God. Please feel free to use inclusive language during worship.

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#### UBC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

(1) by profession of faith & baptism in Jesus Christ; (2) by promise of letter from another church; or (3) by statement of faith. If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please talk to a member or the pastor after the service. We will be glad to answer your questions.

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#### AFFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

We affirm you in your Christian decision and celebrate your place in the family of God. We accept our responsibility to help you grow into the fullness of Christ. We offer ourselves to be your family, to surround you with God's kind of love.

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**APRIL  
GIVING  
REPORT**

April Expenses: \$ 4,565.83  
April Donations: \$ 4,745.60  
Difference: + \$179.77

Year-to-date expenses: \$ 15,036.98  
Year-to-date donations: \$ 16,047.23  
*YTD Difference: - \$ 1,010.25*

*immediately following worship:*

**MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL  
AND  
WEDDING SHOWER FOR RACHEL STRONG**

“Forgiveness means it finally becomes unimportant that you hit back. You're done. It doesn't necessarily mean that you want to have lunch with the person. If you keep hitting back, you stay trapped in the nightmare...”

~ ANNE LAMOTT

*Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

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