

# UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



HONORING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
**JANUARY 14, 2024**

\*Please stand, as able

**Bold text indicates congregational response or singing.**

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## INVITATION

United Voices of Praise

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Wade in the Water*

Setting by Calvin Taylor

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them--they are more than the sand; I come to the end--I am still with you.**

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, Ancient of Age, Looser of Binds and Breaker of Chains, you are the promise of our deliverance and the judgment of our nations. As we remember the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., **humble us to confess how his work remains unfinished and strengthen us to continue in the struggle for justice and peace. Through Christ, who is the New Moses for your people. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**    *Woke Up This Morning*    Traditional, arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix  
(See insert)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 4:1-13

*(A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church)*

Listen, children, to the instruction of a parent, and be attentive to know understanding. For I give you good instruction; do not forsake my teaching. I was still a child with my father, and my mother's only [child].

And I was taught, and it was said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments and you shall live. Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding: Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will preserve you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Acquire wisdom, and whatever else you acquire, acquire insight. Esteem her and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will present to you a glorious crown." Hear my child and receive my words, that the years of your life may be many. In the way of wisdom have I taught you; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hindered; and when you run, you will not stumble. Hold fast to instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

Now Jesus went out again beside the sea and the whole crowd gathered around him and he taught them. And as he was walking along he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

Then as Jesus reclined to eat in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also reclining to eat with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. Now when the biblical scholars among the Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The women and men who are well have no need of a physician, rather those who are sick do; not to call the righteous have I come but rather sinners."

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting and people came and said to Jesus, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridal chamber cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. Yet the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment lest the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is formed. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins lest the wine burst the skins and the wine is lost with the wineskins rather, one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

Now it was that Jesus was going through the grainfields on the sabbath and as his disciples began the path, they were plucking heads of grain. Then the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not permissible on the sabbath?" And Jesus said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry and his companions along with him? How he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence which it is not permissible for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" Then Jesus said to them, "The sabbath was made for the woman-born and not the woman-born for the sabbath. Thus the Woman-Born Son is sovereign, even of the sabbath."

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

*Praise God, Praise God!*

BONNER



Praise God! Praise God, all you lit-tle chil-dren. God is love, God is love.



Praise God! Praise God, all you lit-tle chil-dren. God is love, God is love.

## SERMON

*Selections from the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Rev. Cameron Barr

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Selections from our Racial Justice Covenant, adopted 2016

Trusting in the grace of God that overflows with faith and love,  
**we acknowledge that we have constructed and sustained the false concept of race, with systemic racism embedded in our nation, institutions, and selves. Therefore, we seek to transform ourselves, our church, and our world.**

Recognizing that God shows no partiality and made us all of one blood,  
**we confess that we use race to advantage some and disadvantage others, focus on individual prejudice rather than on unjust systems, perpetuate the oppression, legacy, and effects of racism through our indifference or complicity, and deny that overcoming racism is a spiritual struggle. Therefore, we recognize our need to be forgiven and to forgive.**

As Jesus did not count equality with God as something to be exploited but humbled himself, we commit to listen, learn, and walk in humility to better understand and repair the evils of racism. As we journey together, there is no one to whom we can say, ‘we have no need of you.’

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY 570**      *We Shall Overcome*      WE SHALL OVERCOME

**CALL TO SHARING**

**ANTHEM**      *Walk in the Light*      André Thomas

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**      *Doxology*      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all crea-tures here be-

low; O, praise God! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise Ho-ly Spi-rit, Com-for-

ter; One, God, Tri-une whom we a - dore, O, praise God! O,

praise God! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

## AMEN

harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix



## \*INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... Together we lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise:

## \*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Gospel Sanctus and Benedictus

David E. Poole



## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. We offer a gluten-free option in the basket with purple linens and serve only non-alcoholic grape juice. Raise your hand if you would like a pastor to bring the elements to you. Communion cups may be left in the openings on the back of the pews. Healing prayer is offered in the back of the sanctuary during Communion.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN 472**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN OF BLESSING 593**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals*

Karg-Elert

## COMMUNITY FORUM TODAY

*Fellowship Hall, following festival worship*

Conversations about Community Service: Where do you spend your time and talents, what organizations and activities need our attention as individuals and, perhaps, as a congregation?

## STEWARDSHIP

Our total is \$795,000. *Thank you to all who pledged!*

## TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER

*Friday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.*

You are invited to join us for Taizé services in the sanctuary. These ecumenical services offer a space for communal prayer and meditation in the tradition of the Taizé community in France. Come renew your connection with God through meditation, quiet prayer and song.

## UCCH 101

*Sunday, Jan. 28 at 12:30 p.m.*

Interested in joining UCCH as a member, or just in learning more about this congregation or denomination? Join us! Look for more details and a new member info form in Tuesday's enews. Please contact Cameron (cbarr@unitedchurch.org) if you are interested in becoming a member but haven't talked to church leadership yet.

## LIGHT UP YOUR WINTER

Save the dates: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Jan. 24 (karaoke night and chili cook-off) & Jan. 31 (game night and pancakes). There will be an online sign-up form sent out for those who want to enter into the chili cook-off. The best chili chef will win a prize! Snow dates will be announced in case of inclement weather.

## RACIAL JUSTICE COVENANT REVISION WORKSHOPS

*Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m.*

*Sunday, January 28 at 11 a.m.*

The Racial Justice Ministries committee would like to hear your feedback on the Racial Justice Covenant revision, and your ideas on living out this covenant in our church. The first session will be a potluck lunch and workshop on Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Spanish interpretation will be available for the first session. The second session will be on Sunday, January 28 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to these group conversations, feedback and ideas from individuals are always welcome. We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Ingrid Schmidt (ingridschmidt55@gmail.com) with your thoughts or questions.

## GOSPEL WORKSHOP WITH DR. RAYMOND WISE

*Feb 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

*Feb 4, in worship 9:45 and 11 a.m., concert 2 p.m.*

One Human Family Choir of Durham and UCCH are co-sponsoring a Gospel and Spirituals Workshop with Rev. Dr. Raymond Wise, composer and conductor. Dr. Wise is professor of African American and African Diaspora studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. Founder and director of the African American Choral Ensemble and Raise Productions' Center for the Gospel Arts, Dr. Wise holds a passion for sharing the gift Gospel and Spiritual music with communities around the country. Don't miss this opportunity for musical sharing and growth! All ages are invited! Register for the workshop at [www.onehumanfamily.org](http://www.onehumanfamily.org)

## SEARCH FOR YOUTH MINISTER

United Church of Chapel Hill is searching for a specialized youth minister to build connections and lead engaging programming for youth and their families. We seek a Youth Minister who will utilize a youth-centered approach to build up joy and enthusiasm for the worship and program life of the church by engaging with youth and their families throughout our bilingual congregation. We anticipate that this will be a ½ time position with compensation of \$25k - 30k. To apply, please send a résumé and cover letter to [cbarr@unitedchurch.org](mailto:cbarr@unitedchurch.org) by February 15, 2024. Read the full job description at [unitedchurch.org/careers](http://unitedchurch.org/careers).

## FRIDAY MORNING YOGA CLASS

*Fridays at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Hall*

All levels welcome! Contact Melanie Joiner ([melanie.spence@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.spence@gmail.com)) for more info.

## FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Blount, B.K. Jesus as teacher: Boundary breaking in Mark's gospel and today's church. Interpretation, v70(2), p184-193, Apr 2016. 220 Int
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These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Kas Sielken, will be in the library immediately following the 9:45 service, to assist you in finding library materials.



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Learn more about worship on the "Welcome to United Church" card in your pew.

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSICIANS:** United Voices of Praise;  
Chancel Choir; Regina Gale Dozier,  
vocalist

**DEACON:** Kathy VandenBerg

**READER:** Alex Chrisco

**SOUNDBOARD:** Ron Johnson

**LIVESTREAM:** Peter Schay

**COFFEE HOST:** Ursula Wuerth

**COVER ART:** *Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Kelly Latimore, 2019.

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### Kelly Latimore Icon Caption

"There is nothing wrong with a traffic law which says you have to stop for a red light. But when a fire is raging, the fire truck goes right through that red light, and normal traffic had better get out of its way. Or, when a man is bleeding to death, the ambulance goes through those red lights at top speed. ... Disinherited people all over the world are bleeding to death from deep social and economic wounds. They need brigades of ambulance drivers who will have to ignore the red lights of the present system until the emergency is solved. Massive civil disobedience is a strategy for social change which is at least as forceful as an ambulance with its siren on full."

— Martin Luther King, Jr., from *The Trumpet of Conscience*, 1967

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**A PLACE of BELONGING** FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *Woke Up This Morning* Traditional, arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix

Leader: Woke up this morn-in' with my mind, and it was stayed,

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Leader: Woke up this morn-in' with my mind, and it was stayed,". The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a quarter rest. The accompaniment features a simple harmonic pattern of chords.

*Choir and congregation:* Stayed on Je - sus,

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Woke up this morn-in' with my mind, and it was stayed,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Woke up this morn-in' with my mind, and it was stayed,". The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The system is marked with a "5" at the beginning, indicating a measure rest. The lyrics "Stayed on Je - sus," are written below the staff.

Stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-in' with my mind, and it was stayed, Hal-le-

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Woke up this morn-in' with my mind, and it was stayed, Hal-le-". The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The system is marked with a "5" at the beginning, indicating a measure rest. The lyrics "Stayed on Je - sus," are written below the staff.

Stayed on Je - sus,

lu, Hal-le lu, Hal-le lu - jah.

Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le - lu jah.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "lu, Hal-le lu, Hal-le lu - jah." and "Hal-le-lu, Hal-le-lu, Hal-le - lu jah." The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The system is marked with a "5" at the beginning, indicating a measure rest. The lyrics "Stayed on Je - sus," are written below the staff.

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- ½ time position
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