

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL
FESTIVAL WORSHIP



EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31, 2024

*Please stand, as able

Bold text indicates congregational response or singing.

INVITATION

United Voices of Praise

9:00 a.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major BWV 547

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God's love to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

We recall the story of three women who rose early to care for Jesus' body in the tomb.

An act to honor God's loving presence sent to be among us.

These women arrived and saw an empty tomb; they were shocked and afraid.

They had suffered the violence of the crowd and grieved the death of Jesus.

But the story did not end with the crucifixion they had witnessed. An Angel of God appeared in the empty tomb, and their terror transformed into amazement.

God's love had once again been revealed.

The journey of the three women continued; they were asked to go out and spread the Good News of God's love, peace, and justice found in the Risen Christ!

Today, we receive this Good News; Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all mercy and power, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the sure promise of our salvation. From the pit of sheol you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the life we share with Christ, victorious over sin, evil, and death; and triumphant in the gift of your steadfast love, renewed like the sun that rises with each new day. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Trusting in the grace of God, we renounce evil and its power in the world, and seek to dismantle the systems and structures of oppression that disfigure God's good creation.

We put our faith in God's love and justice.

We put our hope in the love of Christ Jesus and trust that life in Christ means that death is not defeat.

We put our hope in the Living God.

We remember that God loves us as we are and that the humanity of Jesus welcomes our truth and authenticity?

We always remember God's love for all Creation.

We devote ourselves to the community of the church, praising God in worship, serving our neighbors in compassionate ministries of care, and reaching out to touch the world with the love of Christ.

We will seek to love the world as God loves us.

How do we summarize the law and the prophets?

We are called to love God with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. There is no greater law than this.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 233

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN
Arr. James Biery

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible pg. 568
Pew Bible pg. 935
Pew Bible pg. 829

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Where Children Belong

RITCHIE



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.



Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

SERMON

Terror and Amazement

Rev. Cameron Barr

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confirmation Statement of Faith

We believe that God is good, a higher power that guides us, a manifestation of hope in which we can believe, a leap of faith, and a loving entity that helps people feel safe and secure.

We believe that Jesus was a healer, activist, and prophet who spread God's word and teaches us how to love our neighbor. We believe he was a human who challenged orthodoxy and is still with us today.

We believe the Holy Spirit is present and unique to every soul it resides in, the essence of Christianity, a moral compass, and what connects us to God, inspiring, motivating, and moving us when we pray.

We believe the Church is more than a place. It is the people, the common body of Christianity, a sanctuary, a safe place to process beliefs and questions, and a place of belonging with a strong connection to God.

***CALL TO SHARING**

***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.

***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

From *Festival Eucharist*

Craig Phillips

Organ Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. —
— Ho - san - na in — the high - est. — Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and the second 'Congregation'. The music is in 3/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, — heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. — Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. —'

*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 238

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

*COMMUNION HYMN 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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 243

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

WEISSE FLAGGEN
Arr. John Ferguson

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

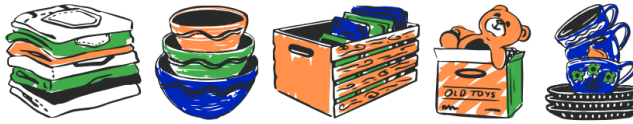
Sigfrid Karg-Elert,
arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHURCH YARD SALE

Saturday, April 13

8 a.m.-12 p.m. (or until sold out!)

- Clothing, books, kitchen and home items, toys, small appliances, furniture, and more!
- Plenty of parking available.
- Light refreshments will be sold.
- Cash, checks, and Venmo accepted.
- Proceeds support English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to be held at United Church of Chapel Hill.
- All are welcome! Learn more about UCCH: unitedchurch.org



VENTA DE PATIO DE LA IGLESIA

Sábado 13 de abril

8 a.m.-12.00 p.m. (o hasta que todo se venda)

- Ropa, libros, artículos de cocina y hogar, juguetes, pequeños electrodomésticos, muebles y mucho más.
- Mucho estacionamiento disponible.
- Se venderán refrescos ligeros.
- Se acepta efectivo, cheques y Venmo.
- La recaudación se destinará a clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) que se llevarán a cabo en la Iglesia Unida de Chapel Hill.
- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Más información sobre UCCH: unitedchurch.org

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GRATITUDE CORNER

I offer deepest thanks to the many church members who work together as a team whenever there is an event at UCCH. The recent memorial service for Ed highlighted the talents, skills, and hard work of many, including the church staff, choir, and Bereavement Committee. And, of course, there were the members who just saw a need and stepped in. As a result, our family and friends felt warmly welcomed in a safe space where we could process our grief without needing to deal with logistics. Kudos especially for Cameron, Marisa, Jenny, and Lori! –Janet Flowers.

We hope you'll read this brief devotion as an invitation to name your gratitude. If you can name something about our church community that makes you want to give thanks and sing in less than 200 words, we'd love to print it here. Send your submission to mmee@unitedchurch.org.

MEET & GREET WITH YOUTH MINISTER JORDAN

Families of the church are invited to a reception in the Youth Room to hang out and meet Jordan Haywood, our new Minister to Youth & Families. Please come by during the 11:00 hour, after Festival Worship. Jordan plans to cook something tasty to share with everyone at this gathering.

CROP HUNGER WALK BREAKS RECORD

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's CROP Hunger Walk fundraiser for IFC and CWS food security programs. Our team fielded 50 walkers, with preliminary results of \$5,000 raised--making UCCH the #1 church in our community for the first time! Donations will be accepted until April 24th.

SPEAKING TRUTH, SEEKING JUSTICE: STEPPING INTO THE WHIRLWIND OF ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Binkley Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Dr., Chapel Hill

You are invited to a community-wide Israel/Palestine conference at Binkley Baptist Church, sponsored by Binkley. The conference will feature a plenary address by renowned speaker, Jonathan Kuttub, executive Director of FOSNA (Friends of Sabeel North America), international human rights attorney, and author. Engage in the pressing issues of justice and peace through discussions, breakout sessions, and interaction with experts in the field. The conference is open and free for all, but registration is required. The registration form is linked in our enews. Please register by April 3.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHURCH YARD SALE

(Yard sale on Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Doing some spring cleaning? Something you no longer want or need may be just the thing someone else is looking for...so donate it to the church for our yard sale! Consider donating: clothing, toys, tools, small appliances, electronics, books, decorative items, bicycles, and furniture that's in decent shape.

Drop off items at the church:

Tuesday, April 2-Friday, April 5 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.),
or the morning of Sunday, April 7

Please send a photo of any large items (like furniture) to one of the people listed below before bringing it to the church. We may also be able to pick up items if you are not able to bring them in. Funds raised will support English as a Second Language classes to be held at UCCH in the future. Contact Linda (linsoto@gmail.com), Kati (kruark@unitedchurch.org), or Nubia (riverbel-lo62@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to have items picked up for the yard sale.

Volunteers: We need several people to prepare for, work during, and clean up the church yard sale taking place on April 13! Use the SignUpGenius form linked in our enews to volunteer.

COLE'S FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JUDE

A message from Cole Nicholson: Dear Church Family, Most of you probably do not know that I was diagnosed with ALL, a form of blood cancer, before I turned two years old. Thanks to the amazing cancer research funded by St. Jude and others, I have been cancer free for years. As part of my Lenten reflection on gratitude, I am raising funds for St. Jude to give back to an organization that has helped so many. I would be most grateful if you could help me beat my fundraising goal. Thank you for considering. This QR code links to the fundraiser on the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital website:



FRIDAY MORNING YOGA CLASS

Fridays at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Hall

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

BLACK LIVES MATTER VIGILS

Fridays at 4 p.m. on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

All are welcome! To join the email list, please contact Natalie Boorman (hickorygroveart@mindspring.com).

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Borg, M.J. Jerusalem, execution, and resurrection: Mark 11-16. In "Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Mark," p89-108. 226.7 Bor C
- ★ Borg, M.J., & Crossan, J.D. Easter Sunday. In "The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem," p189-216. 232.9 Bor L
- ★ Wilhelm, D.O. The power of God on the loose in the world. In "Preaching the Gospel of Mark," p259-264. 226.7 Wil P
- ★ Bader-Saye, S. Community and courage. In "Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear," p63-74. 248.4 Bad F
- ★ Howe, M. Magdalene at the grave. In "Magdalene: Poems," p90-91. 811 How M
- ★ Shaw, L. Galilee, Easter day, [and] To know him risen. In "Accompanied by Angels: Poems of the Incarnation," p78, 95-96. 811 Sha A
- ★ Bondi, R.C. Resurrection. In "Memories of God: Theological Reflections on a Life," p145-174. 230 Bon M
- ★ Monti, J. Easter Sunday. In "The Week of Salvation: History and Traditions of Holy Week," p384-404. 263.5 Mon W

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. Instructions are provided: for finding a book in the catalog (near the computer), and for borrowing an item (near the door). Questions? Contact Barbara Wildemuth.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

SERVICE NOTES

MUSICIANS: Chancel Choir; Doug Zabor, Edwin Cox, trumpets; Rick Lehner, French horn; Rich Wilson, trombone; Gaylen Brubaker and Bob Sielken, percussion.

DEACON: Jeff Hall

READER: Jeff Hall

LIVESTREAM: Bill Siddall

SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay

COVER ART: *Mourning Light* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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