

**UNITED CHURCH** *of* CHAPEL HILL  
**FESTIVAL WORSHIP**



**APRIL 14, 2024**

\*Please stand, as able

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

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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

arr. Ron Mallory

## WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**     *Living Psalm 4*     Maren Tirabassi, UCC Witness & Worship Artists' Group  
Answer us, O God when we call.  
Answer us when we question, or don't know what our question is.  
Answer us when we hurt, or see the hurt of others, and have no idea how to help.  
Answer us when we need you—but our call is something like tears, or self-harming or feeding an addiction, closing ourselves off from others, or not being able to get out of bed...or not having a bed,  
We forget you, or we are so angry, because we think you know our pain but do not love us.  
You give us room when we are in distress, but know we don't want to feel alone.  
We regret our twisting ways, that have followed offers of help that do not heal, rather than the offers from others whom you have sent to help us.  
We put our trust in you.  
We put all that disturbs us into the shining from your face, and find what is good.  
Because of you, we love with gladness, we share all we have with others, and lie down to sleep in peace, trusting that you answer the call of your every sleeping child.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, All Powerful, Most Kind, in the great mystery of Easter, create in us clean hearts and open us to the gift of new life in you. We confess, Holy One, our fears, doubts, and hesitations—the hurdles between us and the stumbling blocks within us—that darken the pathways of your New Creation. In the fullness of your grace, reveal to us the great work of your love, that we may grow in your justice, find life in your mercy, and rest well in your peace. Through Christ Jesus, risen from the tomb that we may rise in faith together. Amen.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 42

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:36b-48

Pew Bible page 861

Acts 3:12-19

Pew Bible page 887

## 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***Critical Presence*

Rev. Cameron Barr

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY 256***We Live by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**\*CALL TO SHARING****ANTHEM***"Pie Jesu" (from Requiem)*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Latin lyrics:

*Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem.*

*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem sempiternam.  
Requiem.*

English translation:

Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant them rest everlasting.

Rest.

**\*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

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and the second 'Congregation'. 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 337**

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tethers*

UNION SEMINARY

**\*COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Easter Rondo*

Michael Helman

**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 304**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

"Sinfonia" from *Solomon*

G.F. Handel

**GRATITUDE CORNER**

I am grateful for Kati Ruark, Marisa Mee, Bruce Thomas, and Duane Gilbert. These members of the UCCH staff are our essential staff -- they work in the background and we are often quite unaware of all that they do but without them very little would go smoothly at church. Think about it for a moment -- without Kati, the (unlimited) administrative needs church would go unaddressed and we would close; without Marisa, the communication that binds us together would not happen and we would not be a community; without Bruce, the day-to-day upkeep or our building would not occur and we wouldn't enjoy a clean and functioning worship and fellowship space; without Duane, we would not be paying the bills and we'd be in jail ... and we don't need that..... So, many thanks, Kati, Marisa, Bruce, and Duane. We are grateful for each of you! --Toby McCoy

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](mailto:mmee@unitedchurch.org).



Cameron, Jody Forehand, and Charles Uzzell with the members of the delegation from our sister church in Köln-Pesch who are planning to visit United Church of Chapel Hill in October.

## GRATITUDE CORNER

*Submissions needed!*

Send to:  
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## **COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES: GET OUTSIDE!**

*Sundays, April 14 and 21, after Festival Worship*

Today, April 14: As part of the Get Outside series, we will go for a hike in Carolina North Forest. We will gather under the portico. Then we will drive down MLK Jr. Blvd, take a right on Municipal Drive, continue along gravel road and park at the Carolina North Forest Trail System parking lot. We will hike for about 15 minutes along the Crow Branch trail to the pond, have ten minutes of silent meditation and then hike back to cars. Please wear sturdy walking shoes as this is a non-paved trail that is uneven in places. You may want to bring a water bottle.

April 21: Gardening & Wellness session with Ashlie Thomas, the "Mocha Gardener"

## **2 ROOMS AVAILABLE AT MONTREAT COTTAGE**

A small group from United Church will be attending week 2 of this year's Montreat worship and music conference, which is sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. There are 2 more rooms available in our group's cottage. If you'd like to spend a week in the beautiful town of Montreat and possibly attend the conference as well, contact Jenny Anderson ([janderson@unitedchurch.org](mailto:janderson@unitedchurch.org)).

## **PARTNERS DEMANDING PALESTINIAN JUSTICE (PDPJ) INTEREST MEETING**

*Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Room 229*

On March 3, Ted and Sharon Shohfi shared with the UCCH Community Forum a presentation regarding the current status and history of the ongoing Gaza crisis. Attendance was excellent, and subsequent response has indicated far more than a passing interest in the topic. Just as "Faith without action is dead," even true compassion without action is dead. And, both faith and compassion require reliable knowledge to be effective. As a result of what they have come to call an "epiphany" based upon living, working, and traveling throughout Israel and Palestine, Ted and Sharon have been advocating - as members of various groups - for 25 years for justice for the Palestinian people. In order to intentionally provide for UCCH members to advocate for Palestinian justice, BJOS has approved the formulation of a new UCCH committee which we propose to name: Partners Demanding Palestinian Justice (PDPJ). If you are interested in joining this new committee, or in finding out more about it, you are invited to attend a PDPJ committee interest meeting on Wednesday, April 24. We will discuss the committee's purpose and brainstorm programs and opportunities for involvement. RSVP and/or request additional information by emailing or calling Ted Shohfi ([t.j.shohfi.2@gmail.com](mailto:t.j.shohfi.2@gmail.com) (919-537-5554)) or Sharon Shohfi ([ts.shohfi@gmail.com](mailto:ts.shohfi@gmail.com) (919-260-2306)). Thank you!

## **MEET & GREET WITH YOUTH MINISTER JORDAN**

Families & youth of the church are invited to 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. This is an ongoing invitation--Jordan will be in the Youth Room weekly for un-structured fellowship time together as he works on building up youth program plans.

## **CROP WALK NOISY OFFERING RESULTS**

Noisy offering coins and cash: \$514

Other funds raised through UCCH: \$810

These donations will be sent to CROP Walk, to be added to the over \$4,500 raised on our team page this year. Church World Service uses funds raised through CROP Hunger Walks to support their global missions for just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Also, 25% of funds raised by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro event will be put to use in our own community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

## **COMPASSION CAMP VBS SIGN-UPS OPEN**

We are thrilled to offer Compassion Camp Vacation Bible School this summer at United Church of Chapel Hill. VBS 2024 will take place 9 a.m.-12 p.m. from Monday, June 17-Friday, June 21. We will have a brief Compassion Camp kick off during our Children's Moment on June 16 at the 9:45 a.m. service, and VBS children will present a song to the congregation at the beginning of the 9:45 service on June 23. Children are not required to attend the service to participate in Compassion Camp. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$20 per family as you are able, but we would love to welcome your family regardless of your ability to donate. Please use the form linked on "[unitedchurch.org/compassion-camp](https://unitedchurch.org/compassion-camp)" to register participants (ages 3-5th grade) and/or helpers (middle school and high school). Registration deadline: June 2. Contact Anitra Grove ([agrove@unitedchurch.org](mailto:agrove@unitedchurch.org)) with questions!

## **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.

\*No yoga on April 19\*

## **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](mailto:hickorygroveart@mindspring.com)).

## **FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY**

A volunteer, Linda Sellars, will be in the library immediately following the 9:45 service, to assist you in finding library materials pertinent to today's readings or other topics.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSICIANS:** Bianca Muñoz & Andrés Santos, duet, Handbell Choir

**GREETERS:** Linda Sellars & Alex Chrisco

**READER:** Alex Chrisco

**COMMUNION VOLUNTEER:** Peter Schay

**LIVESTREAM:** Bill Siddall

**SOUNDBOARD:** Ron Johnson

**COVER ART:** *On the Road to Emmaus*, Cara B. Hochhalter, 2019.

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