

**UNITED CHURCH** *of* CHAPEL HILL

# FESTIVAL WORSHIP



**JUNE 16, 2024**

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

\*Please stand, as able

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

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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Medley:* “This is the Day” (Traditional),  
“Hosanna, Blessed Be the Rock,”  
“In the Name of Jesus” (Stephen A. Hurd)

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the prayers of Howard Thurman

Open unto me - **light for my darkness.**  
Open unto me - **courage for my fear.**  
Open unto me - **hope for my despair.**  
Open unto me - **peace for my turmoil.**  
Open unto me - **joy for my sorrow.**  
Open unto me - **strength for my weakness.**  
Open unto me - **wisdom for my confusion.**  
Open unto me - **forgiveness for my sins.**  
Open unto me - **love for my hates.**  
Open unto me - **thy self for my self.**

Lord, Lord - **open unto me!**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, By the presence of Jesus, in saving acts of deliverance, through opening doors and breaking chains, we have come to know your love and justice. The Negro Spirituals we sing are testaments to your presence and your power, yet we have not always sung them with hearts attuned to the Black experience and your promise of liberation. Hear us now as we pray for forgiveness and restoration. Grant that our tithes and offerings may now become a practice of remembering and renewal, that through confession and self-giving we may participate in communities made whole by the love of Jesus. We sing in gratitude for a rich spiritual tradition, in confession of the unfinished work in us; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 551

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

PASS ME NOT

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 4:1-16

Pew Bible page 3

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

*Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Negro Spiritual

**Oh, how I love Jesus, Oh, how I love Jesus  
Oh, how I love Jesus because he first loved me.**

## SERMON

*A Mysterious Mark*

Rev. Cameron Barr

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Racial Justice Covenant  
June 2024

As a church, we see the sin of racism deeply embedded in our society's people and organizations. For this covenant, we define racism as prejudice based on the falsely invented idea of biological race, combined with the power to affect others' lives. Racism has caused and continues to cause great harm.

We recognize that we as individuals, our church, and our society knowingly or unknowingly use skin color to advantage some and disadvantage others. Even when we understand the evils of individual prejudice and unfair systems of power, we often let our comfort or fear stop us from fighting against them.

We are divided by race instead of living fully as a community of God's people. Many of us have actively or passively allowed the wrongs of racism to continue, and many of us have suffered from these wrongs. We stand in need of God's grace, mercy, guidance, and healing.

With God's help and the support of our church community, we vow to use our hearts, our minds, and our bodies to

Learn more about the harms of racism in the past and now,  
Speak up and tell the truth about racism,  
Listen to each other and truly hear each other,  
Be humble in our efforts,  
Structure our church to include the gifts of all  
and become a true community that  
works toward racial justice and  
participates in repairing the damage caused by racism.

By actively living this covenant, we hope to find deeper connections to God and to each other. We thank God for this opportunity to grow and change.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY 458

*I've got a Feeling (Jesus Already told me)*

Negro Spiritual

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

Regina Dozier, Jonathan Murphy

## \*CALL TO SHARING

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

Negro Spiritual

**Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burden down.**

**I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down....**

**Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down....**

**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**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*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 MUSIC**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Charles H. Gabriel

**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 282**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Negro Spiritual

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Gospel Medley*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL  
**NEGRO SPIRITUALS**  
**ROYALTIES PROJECT**

The Negro Spirituals Royalties Projects is pleased to announce a new recipient of our donations, the choir **100 Men in Black**.

**100 Men in Black** brings together men and boys of all age groups, ethnicities and walks of life who love to sing and share the good news of the gospel through music. This choir, under the direction of founder Marlon E. West in Durham, N.C., is an independent, community-based male chorus with membership open to all within the Triangle community and surrounding areas. Its mission statement is:

*To provide proactive positive alternatives to youth and adult males through music, faith, community service, positive role modeling and mentoring.*

Among its stated goals, 100 Men in Black seeks to foster Christian fellowship and camaraderie through music, to provide community outreach to those who are imprisoned and homeless, to serve as role models and mentors to young males, particularly “at-risk” youth, to offer an alternative to gang violence and drugs, and to foster cultural exchange and understanding.

We recognize that we are beneficiaries of the rich heritage of music that is the Negro Spiritual, that body of work that was born from enslaved peoples, and whose creators remain unnamed and uncompensated. Each time we are uplifted in worship by a Negro Spiritual or a composition inspired by a Negro Spiritual, the congregation is invited to give an offering in lieu of the church paying royalties for the use of this music. The funds collected are given to an organization that seeks to further the music education of under-served communities of young people, particularly descendants of those who created this body of literature. The steering committee of the NSRP is confident that 100 Men in Black will be a worthy recipient of these funds and will use them for the purpose intended.

This morning in our service celebrating Juneteenth we share many Spirituals and compositions inspired by Spirituals. You are invited to give a significant gift to launch the new year of the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project, and to celebrate this new community partnership with 100 Men in Black. Gifts can be made using the designated envelopes in your pews, or through the ‘Online Giving’ link at the very top of the church website ([unitedchurch.org](http://unitedchurch.org)).

### **GRATITUDE CORNER**

We want to salute and thank Duane Gilbert, the cheerful, tireless business manager for United Church of Chapel Hill for many years. Our church has hundreds of separate accounts; Duane tracks gifts from members, payments to vendors, and accounts for the many worthy causes that UCCH supports. Duane's service is foundational to the smooth running of our church, and we are grateful. –Jean Anne and Peter Barnes

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).

## SUMMER DROP-IN CHOIR

You're invited to join the Summer Drop-In Choir any Sunday you can. This choir meets before each service to learn the anthem and service music for that day. Although sheet music will be available, each anthem is chosen because of its accessibility, and the ability to learn it without having to be able to read a note of music! Join us for a truly joyful celebration of choral music throughout the summer! Send a note to [jander-son@unitedchurch.org](mailto:jander-son@unitedchurch.org) if you'd like to receive a weekly email with details about the coming Sunday. Summer Choir, June 23: Communion anthem with The Com-mas: "Down in the River to Pray." Rehearsal at 9:15 a.m. for the 9:45 service.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE JUNE 23: CELEBRATING COMPASSION CAMPERS

- ★ 9:15 a.m. Drop-In Choir rehearsal (open to all!)
- ★ 9:45 a.m. Festival Worship
  - Stonewall Community Forum after F. Worship
- ★ 11:00 a.m. La Mesa

## JUNE 30: PRIDE!

Please join us for a joint, bilingual worship service celebrating Pride Month! You're invited to wear your most prideful attire (e.g., rainbows & bright colors).

- ★ 9:30 a.m. Drop-In Choir rehearsal (open to all!)
- ★ 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship - PRIDE Service

## ONA COMMUNITY FORUM: STONEWALL

*Sunday, June 23, 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall*

The UCCH Open and Affirming Committee (ONA) will lead our Community Forum hour on June 23 after Festival Worship. In honor of Pride month, ONA will present an educational video and discussion about Stonewall, a key moment in the fight for gay rights in the history of the U.S. and internationally.

## PALESTINIAN JUSTICE PARTNERS MEETING

Palestinian Justice Partners are meeting next Sunday, June 23, at 12:15 in Room 229. All are welcome to join us in working for long over due Palestinian Justice, especially at this crucial time. If you have any questions contact Sharon Shohfi 919-260-2306 [ts.shohfi@gmail.com](mailto:ts.shohfi@gmail.com).

## ONA BAKING CLASS: RAINBOW CONCHAS

*Saturday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m., UCCH kitchen*

The ONA and La Mesa Fellowship committees are hosting a baking class on June 29 in the church's kitchen, during which Larry Kroutil will teach people how to bake rainbow-colored conchas (a Mexican sweet bread). The conchas will be served as dessert following the joint worship Pride service on June 30. All are welcome to join! We hope to see you there.

## HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

Orange County schoolchildren are in their final days before summer break, a time when families often turn to their local food bank or pantry to replace school-based nutrition programs. However, food banks also face their greatest need during the summertime, with volunteers on vacation and donations down. Our local Inter-Faith Council for Social Service is accepting these most-needed items which can be shipped or dropped off at the IFC Commons (110 W Main St, Carrboro, Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or brought to the UCCH basket in the narthex each Sunday. **Most-needed items:** canned food (mixed vegetables, fruits, meat, soup), baking mixes, pasta, cereal, jelly, instant grits packets, ramen, body wash, lotion, shampoo, baby diapers, bar soap, toilet paper, other toiletries.

## ST. JUDE FUNDRAISER--THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped me with my St. Jude Fundraiser. I am proud to say that we crushed the goal, in large part because of you, my UCCH family. I know there are a lot of people who need help, and I wanted to express my gratitude that you all chose to help me and St. Jude. Without all of you this could not have been possible. In gratitude, Cole.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

We are looking forward to a summer worship plan intended to bring everyone together around the Book of Genesis and time for fellowship. June 30-August 18, there will be one bilingual service at 10:30 a.m. A copy of our summer worship calendar with more details can be picked up in the narthex or Assembly Hall. Stay tuned for details about the special programs planned for each Sunday in the summer series!

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

*Thursdays at 12:00 p.m., June 6 through August 8*

Cameron invites everyone to join him in the church library (or on Zoom if you can't make it in person) for weekly Bible Study centered on the Book of Genesis, using Marilyn Robinson's *Reading Genesis* as a companion text.

## YOUTH BOOK CLUB

*Sundays at 5 p.m., July 7-August 11*

Coinciding with our church's Summer Worship schedule, Youth Minister Jordan will be hosting a book club each Sunday at 5 p.m. We will be reading C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, a fantastical allegory about the many things that keep us from participating in God's kingdom in the here and now. Dinner will be provided, and we'll play some games after our book discussions. Invite your friends! This book club is open to youth and their parents. We will provide copies of the book for anyone who RSVPs. Please contact Jordan Haywood ([jhaywood@unitedchurch.org](mailto:jhaywood@unitedchurch.org)) to RSVP.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSICIANS:** Juneteenth Drop-In Choir; Charles Bradshaw, piano; Regina Dozier, vocal solo; Brad Kintner, bass

**DEACON:** Ann Spittler

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Nanette de Andrade

**LIVESTREAM:** Peter Schay

**SOUNDBOARD:** Bill Siddall

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by Melanie Joiner in celebration of Fred and Melanie's anniversary and Melanie's parent's anniversary, and by Ann Spittler in loving memory of Bill.

**COVER ART:** *Freedom Quilt* by Jessie B. Telfair, 1983.

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