

# FESTIVAL WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
**MARCH 23, 2025**

\*Please stand, as able, when indicated by asterisk.  
**Bold text indicates congregational response.**



## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*The Wondrous Cross*

arr. Jason W. Krug

## WELCOME

### \*LITANY OF LENTEN CONFESSION

Prayers with Psalm 63

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to all the saints on earth and in heaven, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**O God, you are my God; I seek you;**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

We have not heeded your call to serve, as Christ served us.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

*(Litany continues on next page)*

We confess our unfaithfulness to your steadfast presence in our lives; and our pride, hypocrisy, and impatience;

**Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves;

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work;

**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us;

**My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,**

Accept our repentance, Most Compassionate One, for the wrongs we have done; our willful ignorance of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;

**And my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us.

**For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us.

When I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

Restore us, in your abundance of generosity, and let your anger depart from us; and accomplish in us the work of your salvation.

**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's mercy is great - as high as the brightest mountains; as deep as the darkest valleys; as expansive as the plains. Look to the west and see God's daily blessings on our activity. Look to the east and see the hope of God's faithful love arising with each new day. Let us greet our neighbors the light of this jubilee, for the slate is wiped clean and there are no judgments to render between us.

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## COLLECT IN ESPAÑOL

Dios misericordioso, que nos llamas a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, nos has bendecido con muchas lenguas para alabar tu santo nombre. Oramos por la unidad de la iglesia, por todos los que celebran su culto en inglés o en español, y por los inmigrantes que viven de la fe en un país desconocido. Por Cristo Jesús, que hace un hogar para todos tus hijos. Amén.

*Merciful God, who calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, you have blessed us with many tongues to praise your holy name. We pray for the unity of the church, for all who worship in English or Spanish, and for immigrants who live by faith in an unfamiliar country. Through Christ Jesus, who makes a home for all your children. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9

Pew Bible page 598

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible page 848

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

*Child of God Your Loving Parent*

STUTT GART



Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

## ANTHEM

*Christ Has No Body Now But Yours*

David Ogden

*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he sees, yours are the feet with which he walks, yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*

—St. Teresa de Avila (16th c.)

## SERMON

*Like the Wideness of the Sea (Part III)*

Rev. Cameron Barr

**CALL TO SHARING**

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

*We Give You But Your Own*

CANTICA LAUDIS

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be; All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate - ful - ly."

**\*INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

You may be seated. Let us pray.

**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, forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Response: **There's a wideness in God's mercy.**

## \*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
(adapted from *German Mass*)

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.*

## \*COMMUNION HYMN 211

*Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days*

ST FLAVIAN

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Panis Angelicus*

arr. Julie Turner

## 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 403

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

## \*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in G Major BWV 541*

J.S. Bach

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL LENT & EASTER 2025

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN  
GOD'S MERCY

## MARCH 23 | THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:45 am** Festival Worship (Sanctuary) | **11:00 am** La Mesa (Assembly Hall)  
**1:30 pm CROP Hunger Walk** (Carrboro Town Commons)

## MARCH 28–30 | WILMINGTON PILGRIMAGE

## MARCH 30 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:45 am** Festival Worship (Sanctuary) | **11:00 am** La Mesa (Assembly Hall)

## APRIL 6 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:45 am** Festival Worship (Sanctuary) | **11:00 am** La Mesa (Assembly Hall)

## APRIL 13 | PALM SUNDAY

**10:30 am** Bilingual worship service with palm procession (Sanctuary)  
*Gather on the church lawn at 10:15 to participate in the procession*

## APRIL 17 | MAUNDY THURSDAY

**7 pm** Service with communion (Sanctuary)

## APRIL 18 | GOOD FRIDAY

**5 pm** Stations of the Cross  
**7 pm** Taizé Service (Sanctuary)

## APRIL 20 | EASTER SUNDAY

**7:30 am** Sunrise Service (Sanctuary portico)  
**9:15 am** United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir sings (Sanctuary)  
**9:45 am** Festival Worship (Sanctuary) | **11:00 am** La Mesa (Assembly Hall)

### GRATITUDE CORNER

I am grateful for the UCCH community that has been so kind to me. This is the nicest church I have ever belonged to and I feel so happy here. I have enjoyed playing the organ and singing for the services because everyone has been so supportive. I am grateful for all the opportunities to play the organ, which has helped me grow and become more comfortable playing in church. I love singing with my choir every week. To Cameron and Caleb, to my choir, to Alan who from the first day has been wonderful with me, always willing to give me tips and guidance, and last, but of course not least, to my incredible singing teacher Jenny who has spent so many hours helping me accomplish my goals, THANK YOU SO MUCH!! –Sophia Tellier

**Submissions needed!** 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).

## CROP WALK IS TODAY!

It's not too late to join the UCCH CROP Hunger Walk Team! Stop by our narthex table today for information, donations and t-shirts (cash/check only). Scan the attached QR code for more details and to register/donate. The need has never been greater for those facing food insecurity in our community and around the world.



## UCCH SEEKING MUSIC LEADER FOR LA MESA

Our church is seeking a Music Leader for La Mesa. Visit [unitedchurch.org/careers/](http://unitedchurch.org/careers/) for more information about the position and application instructions. Please share with anyone who might be interested.

## LENTEN KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

*11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Library*

During the Sundays in Lent, let's get together and make prayer shawls to give to those who need to be wrapped in prayer. Bring yarn and your favorite knitting needles or crochet hook. Beginners should bring size 10 or 11 knitting needles or a size i crochet hook. You do not need to stay the entire time. If you'd like to learn a simple stitch (knit or crochet) that makes a lovely shawl, come join us!

## "POSITIVITY POSTERS" ART CLASS

*April 5 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) and April 6 (1-3 p.m.)*

Could you use some positivity right now? The Visual Arts Committee and Fellowship Board invite you to spend some time with your church family to be inspired and inspire others as we use paint and collage to make "positivity posters"- words and/or images to hang in your room or on your fridge, take to a demonstration, or give to someone else. The attached QR code links a RSVP form where you can indicate your interest in attending on April 5 and/or 6. Materials and light refreshments will be supplied! Please sign up by the end of Sunday, March 30.



## UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Are you interested in becoming a member of UCCH? Let's make this official! Visit "[bit.ly/UCCH101](http://bit.ly/UCCH101)" to RSVP and join us for this series of meetings leading up to membership day in June. We will discuss spirituality, our church community and denomination, and share open question time, all within a casual lunch/snack setting.

## UCCH YOGA: MARCH & APRIL CLASSES

*Fridays at 9 a.m. | Assembly Hall*

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community. Classes will be offered on March 28, April 11, and April 18. Please contact [melanie.spence@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.spence@gmail.com) with any questions.

## CHURCH YARD SALE DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

A Church Yard Sale supporting the Language Learning Ministry will be held on Saturday, April 26. We need volunteers and donations! Sign up to volunteer by scanning the attached QR code, or use the paper form in the Assembly Hall. Please read the volunteer descriptions before signing up. Donations (except large items like furniture) can be dropped off at the church on weekdays, March 31-April 18 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.). Large items can be brought to the church April 22-24. If you have a large item you can't transport, send a photo to Linda ([linsoto@gmail.com](mailto:linsoto@gmail.com)) or José Olmedo ([capolmedo@hotmail.com](mailto:capolmedo@hotmail.com)) to arrange for pickup.



## CHURCH GARDEN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

United Church of Chapel Hill is looking for a landscape designer to help us improve the visibility and attractiveness of our church grounds. We welcome proposals from designers who can provide drawings, advice, and oversight to garden renovation. Check our recent Enews for the detailed request for proposal documents (English and Spanish), and please share this invitation with any interested parties you may know in the community.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

Our email newsletter is sent weekly on Tuesdays (in English) and Fridays (in Spanish). Sign up at [unitedchurch.org](http://unitedchurch.org), or email Marisa, Communications Manager: [mmee@unitedchurch.org](mailto:mmee@unitedchurch.org).

## FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Taylor, B.B. The wake-up call. In "Always a Guest: Speaking of Faith Far From Home," p139-145. 252 Tay A
- ★ Gilliard, D.D. Scripture's call to repentance. In "Subversive Witness," p151-168. 261.8 Gil S
- ★ Park, A.S. Resistance and repentance. In "From Hurt to Healing: A Theology of the Wounded," p61-79. 234.5 Par F
- ★ Dyson, M.E. Repenting of whiteness. In "Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America," p43-123. 305.8 Dys T
- ★ Gessner, H.G. Seeds of new beginnings. In "Pockets of Grace: Lessons from Darkness, Lessons from Light," p69-76. 152.4 Ges P
- ★ Tutu, D., & Tutu, M. Going home to goodness. In "Made for Goodness and Why this Makes a Difference," p139-157. 170 Tut M
- ★ Jones, S. Mercy. In "Call It Grace: finding Meaning in a Fractured World," p265-289. 231 Jon C

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Don Arbuckle, will be in the library immediately following today's sanctuary 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:** Junior Choir, Chris MacNevin, violin; Chancel Bells; Chancel Choir

**GREETERS:** Eve Nelson, Sharon Hanson

**DEACON:** Kathy VandenBerg

**READER:** Midge Coward

**LIVESTREAM:** Brian Moore

**SOUNDBOARD:** Toby McCoy

**COFFEE HOST:** Janet Flowers

**COVER ART:** *You Are Worthy* by Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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***Bienvenido. Welcome.*** Visitors are invited to take a contact card from the Narthex or Sanctuary pew pockets to fill out and place in the offering plate. / Se invita a los visitantes a coger una tarjeta de contacto de los bolsillos de los bancos del Nártex o del Santuario para rellenarla y depositarla en el plato de las ofrendas.

Or complete the form online:  
O rellene el formulario en línea:



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