

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 2025

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



OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on the Passion Chorale

Robert Lehman

WELCOME

*LITANY OF LENTEN CONFESSION

Prayers with Psalm 32

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.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.

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.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

(Litany continues on next page)

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

Then I opened my heart to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

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

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave my guilt.

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

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

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

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

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;

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

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

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

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

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

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

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pew Bible page 940

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Pew Bible page 850

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.

SERMON

Like the Wideness of the Sea (Part IV)

Jordan Haywood

*HYMN FOR REFLECTION 23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu” (from *Requiem*)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lyrics: Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem, sempiternam.

Translation: Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

*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 is simple and hymn-like. 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 208

God Loved the World

ROCKINGHAM

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 43

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major BWV 547

J.S. Bach

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL
LENT & EASTER 2025**

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN
GOD'S MERCY

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 want to thank Ingrid Lanier for all of her vision, leadership, and coordination of the Wilmington Pilgrimage with UCCH this month. We have about 40 people going on this trip to learn more about the history and legacy of the Wilmington massacre in 1898. She has done an amazing job planning and communicating updates about meetings, curating learning resources and creating opportunities for fellowship benefiting this group as well as the larger church community. -Fred and Melanie Joiner

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.

COMMUNITY FORUM: RADICAL SELF-CARE IN A TIME OF CHAOS

Today at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

How are you getting through these unprecedented times? What is your approach to self-care, and knowing when to engage vs when to slow down? What do you need and what might your body, your thoughts, and your feelings be telling you?

Our presenter, Sarah Weston, LCSW, MSW, MTS is a clinical social worker specializing in trauma, including medical and religious traumas, chronic illness and disabilities, and other life stressors. She has a background in theology and trauma, including preaching to congregations during times of crisis.

Together, we will explore how negative chaos impacts the human body and learn about known therapeutic modalities, keeping in mind that as a community of faith we are not alone: God goes with us.

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Attention all artists! We would like to feature your artwork at one of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18 (5 p.m.). If you have artwork that would be appropriate for the service, or if you are interested in making some, please contact Jordan Haywood at jhaywood@unitedchurch.org today!

"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. Visit "bit.ly/ucchpositivity" for the 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 GOES TO THE BULLS!

Join your church friends for a fun evening at the Durham Bulls, Saturday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. Even better, sign up to join the all-ages choir and sing the National Anthem from home plate before the game! Whether you attend the game as a spectator or a singer, you'll need a ticket. If you'd like to sit with the UCCH group (sections 212 and 214), visit "bit.ly/ucchbulls2025" to purchase your tickets through Realm (and register for the all-ages choir). The deadline for ordering the group seats is April 23.

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 with any questions.

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!

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) or José Olmedo (capolmedo@hotmail.com) to arrange for pickup.



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Levine, A.-J. Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. In "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi," p27-76. 226.6 Lev S
- ★ Gordon, M. The running father, the starving son, the fatted calf, the husks, the unbearable question. In "Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels," p7-15. 226.6 Gor R
- ★ Keller, T. The two lost sons. In "The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith," p20-33. 226.6 Kel P
- ★ Kalas, J.E. The prodigal who stayed at home. In "Parables from the Back Side: Bible Stories with a Twist," p77-84. 226.6 Kal P
- ★ Walker-Barnes, C. Reconciliation begins with a curse. In "I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation," p161-205. 261.81 Wal I
- ★ Brown, A.C. Justice, then reconciliation. In "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness," p165-174. 305.8 Bro I

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: Chancel Choir; Sophia Tellier and Julianne Vance, soprano solos

GREETER: Sharon Hanson

DEACON: Ashley Arthur

READER: Jeff Hall

SOUNDBOARD: Bill Siddall

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Janet Flowers in gratitude for the wideness of God's mercy.

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:
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