

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

APRIL 20, 2025

9:45 A.M.



Easter Morning by Cara B. Hochhalter, 2019

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

INVITATION

United Voices of Praise

9:15 a.m.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to Mary, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

COLLECT IN ESPAÑOL

Dios de la vida, que has vencido la tumba y nos has hecho uno en Cristo resucitado, te damos gracias por la diversidad de lenguas con que te alabamos como un solo cuerpo. Fortalece nuestra unidad como congregación bilingüe, y acompaña con tu poder resucitado a los inmigrantes que buscan esperanza y dignidad en esta tierra. Que todos seamos testigos de tu amor sin fronteras. Por Cristo, la vida eterna. Amén.

God of life, who has overcome the grave and made us one in the risen Christ, we thank you for the many tongues with which we praise you as one body. Strengthen our unity as a bilingual congregation, and surround, with your resurrection power, all immigrants seeking hope and dignity in this land. May we all bear witness to your boundless love. Through Christ, the life eternal. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25
Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible page 607
Pew Bible page 860

BAPTISM OF JAYDEN ISAAC ALLEN CHEEK

Invitation

They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.

We are gathered to present Jayden to the church and to dedicate this child to God. What can we affirm about this child?

That he is a child of God and made in the image of God.

The Sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of our acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of our participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Affirmation of Faith

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Do you affirm your faith in Jesus Christ, and seek to build a community where all people learn of God's faithful love?

All who affirm their faith: **We do.**

Trusting in the grace of God, do you renounce evil and its power in the world, and turn from sin that would disfigure God's good creation?

All who affirm their faith: **We put our faith in God's love and justice.**

Will you put your hope in the love of Christ Jesus and trust that life in Christ means that death is not defeat?

All who affirm their faith: **We put our hope in the Living God.**

Will you remember that God loves you as you are and that the humanity of Jesus welcomes your truth and authenticity?

All who affirm their faith: **We will remember God's love for us.**

Will you devote yourself to the community of the church, praising God in worship, serving your neighbors in compassionate ministries of care, and reaching out to touch the world with the love of Christ?

All who affirm their faith: **We will seek to love the world as God loves us.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful, knowing that the Holy Spirit is at work in you.

All who affirm their faith: **Thanks be to God.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May all who pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind them to the household of faith and guard them from all evil. Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new. **Amen.**

Summary of the Law

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.

Baptism of Jayden and Remembrance of Baptisms

***BAPTISM HYMN 325**


Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTT GART

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Caribbean traditional



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja! Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ja!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja! Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja!

SERMON*No Idle Tale*

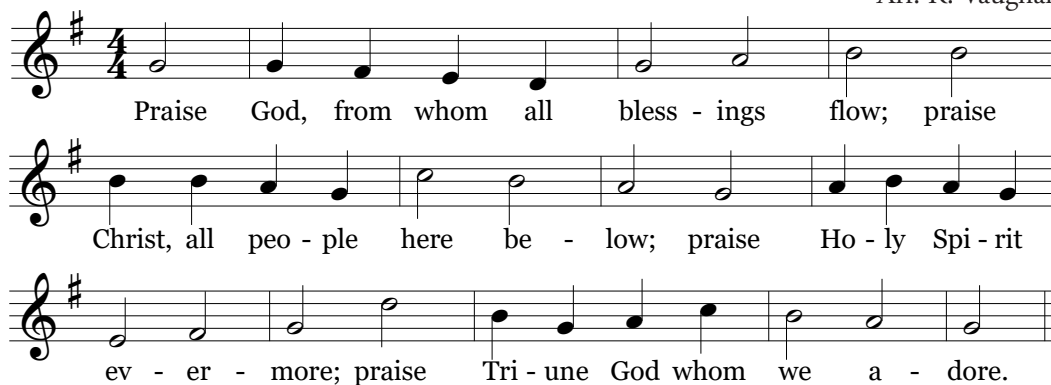
Rev. Cameron Barr

HYMN 245The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

Brass arr. John Ferguson,
Handbells arr. Lloyd Larson**MOMENT FOR MISSION**Pillars of Promise Campaign Celebration
Presentation to the Marian Cheek Jackson Center**CALL TO SHARING****ANTHEM**Two Choruses from *Messiah*
“Worthy is the Lamb”
“Hallelujah”

G.F. Handel

PRESENTATION OF GIFTSDoxology*OLD HUNDRETH
Arr. R. Vaughan Williams


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spi - rit
ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore.

*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

*SANCTUS

From *Festival Eucharist*

Craig Phillips

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves. 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.'

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 244

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

○ FILII ET FILIAE

*COMMUNION ANTHEM

Easter Alleluia

○ FILII ET FILIAE
Arr. Susan T. Nelson

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 4

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY
Arr. John Ferguson

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert,
arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHURCH YARD SALE

benefiting the UCCH language learning ministry

United Church of Chapel Hill

1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514



**Saturday, April 26
8a-12p**

**PLENTY OF PARKING. FOOD AVAILABLE.
CASH, CHECKS, AND VENMO ACCEPTED.**

Clothing, books, home items, toys, furniture, and more!

GRATITUDE CORNER

Linda and I are getting close to the end of time as the moderators and I want to share my gratitude for ... Linda! She and I have been full partners in this (sometimes crazy) work. We have met essentially every week since the very beginning, have supported each other with the successes and the headaches, and have always found a way to laugh even when things were really hard. Linda is the most natural leader I have ever known -- I sure have benefitted from that ...we all have.

There may be a lesson in this for us as a church. Linda and I did not know each other before we became moderators -- we are now good friends. Time together, shared work, kindness, and humor have made us friends. May that be true for us all. --Toby McCoy

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 mme@unitedchurch.org.

UCCH CLOSED MONDAY

Our office will be closed on Monday, April 21 for the Easter holiday.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP SURVEY

The UCCH Music Task Force would like to understand which aspects of music in worship are meaningful to you. Scan the attached QR code for an opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences. Please complete this survey by 5 p.m. TODAY, Sunday, April 20.



APRIL 27 COMMUNITY FORUM

Sunday, April 27 | 11:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join us next Sunday for an important forum, *Watershed Spirituality: How Water Connects People, Creation, and Community*. Associate Professor at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, Dan Vermeer, will present a powerful and timely talk on the environmental, social, and spiritual significance of water. You'll discover: why water is sacred in Christianity and other world religions; how water sustains ecosystems, public health, food, energy, and peace; what it means to practice "watershed spirituality" in today's climate-challenged world; concrete ways your community can care for water as a gift from God.

UCCH GOES TO THE BULLS!

Join us 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! Singers and spectators may purchase tickets in our section here: "bit.ly/ucchbulls2025." Choir registration is also linked on that page. The deadline for ordering seats with our group is April 23.

SINGING CHURCH SUNDAY

May 4 | 9:45 a.m. service and 3:00 p.m. concert

The Junior and Chancel Choirs will lead the congregation as we celebrate the power of worship in song on Sunday, May 4. The Chancel Choir will present Haydn's *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo* ("Little Organ Mass"). The afternoon concert will feature both choirs with orchestra.

CENTERING MENTAL HEALTH IN MEDICAL CARE

Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall

Dr. Damon Tweedy will speak about centering mental health in medical care, sponsored by the Racial Justice Ministries Committee. Free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served. For RSVPs or questions, contact Natalie Boorman (hickorygroveart@mindspring.com). Copies of Dr. Tweedy's 2024 book *Facing the Unseen* are available in the church office for \$14 (used); please contact Kati (kruark@unitedchurch.org) if you'd like one.

UCCH YARD SALE DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

We still need some more volunteers for our April 26 Yard Sale supporting the Language Learning Ministry! Scan the attached QR code for volunteer information & sign-ups.



The time frame for bringing small/medium donations is now closed,

but large donations are such as furniture can be dropped off April 22-24, or by arrangement with Linda Soto (linsoto@gmail.com). We may be able to pick up items- please contact Linda or José Olmedo (capolmedo@hotmail.com). Before donating, consider if it's something you would purchase for yourself or a loved one. Items don't need to be perfect, but should be safe and clean.

UCCH YOGA: MAY CLASSES

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community. Classes will be offered Fridays at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Hall: May 2, 16, 23 and 30. Melanie is also offering private lessons, "Yoga Your Way"—contact melanie.spence@gmail.com if interested.

DRAG BRUNCH: OVERFLOWING WITH JOY

Saturday, May 17 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | UCCH Fellowship Hall

Get ready for a morning full of food, fun, and fierce local drag, all while raising funds for The Trans Youth Emergency Project by the Campaign for Southern Equality. Our guest performers will be paid up front (because drag is labor!), and every dollar you bring for tipping—along with ticket sales and extra gifts—will go directly to support trans youth across the South. Bring your appetite. Bring your joy. Bring your cash. And maybe... be ready to sassy walk! Brunch tastes better when it supports trans youth. Get tickets here: "bit.ly/ucchbrunch"

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

Our e-newsletter is sent weekly on Tuesdays (in English) and Fridays (in Spanish). Sign up at unitedchurch.org.

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Rohr, R. The resurrection journey. In "The Universal Christ," p169-187. 232 Roh U
- ★ Bolz-Weber, N. Vignettes from an Easter vigil. In "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People," p145-153. 248.4 Bol A
- ★ Evans, R.H. Easter doubt. In "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church," p186-188. 920 Eva S
- ★ Rigato, M.-L. "Remember"... Then they remembered.' In "A Feminist Companion to Luke," p269-280. 226.6 Lev L
- ★ Willimon, W.H. To the Gentiles also. In "Acts," p95-105. 226.7 Wil A

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Rev. Jo Watson, 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: United Voices of Praise; Chancel Choir; Chancel Handbells; Graham Hallquist, Doug Zabor, trumpets; Edwin Cox, French horn; Garrett Passamonti, trombone; Gaylen Brubaker, timpani; Bob Sielken, cymbal; Lyra Thayer, finger cymbals.

GREETERS: Sharon Hanson, Eve Nelson

DEACON: Jeff Hall

READER: Lucy Callicott

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay

COFFEE HOST: Fellowship Board

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Kathie Wilson in memory of her husband, Bill.

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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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