

# UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

## *Easter* SUNRISE SERVICE

**APRIL 20, 2025**  
**7:30 A.M**



**Bold text indicates congregational response.**

*Easter Morning* by Cara B. Hochhalter, 2019

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*In the Garden*  
*Morning has Broken*

C. Austin Miles, arr. Anne Crosby Gaudet  
Gaelic melody, Anne Crosby Gaudet

### **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!**

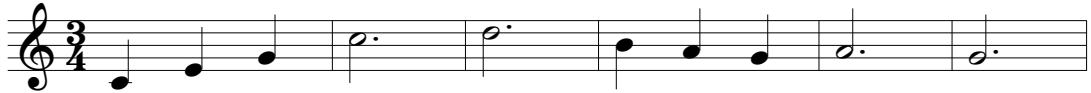
At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

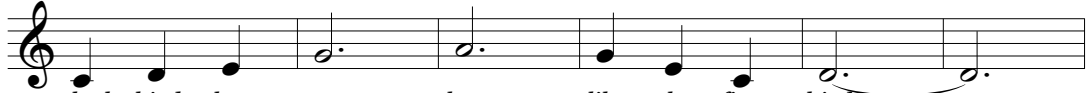
# HYMN OF PRAISE

## Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN



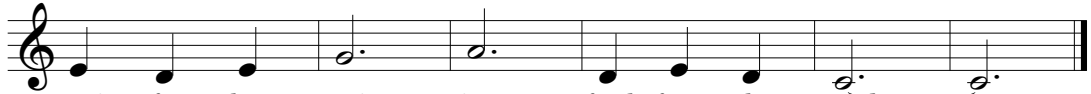
Morn - ing has bro - ken, like the first morn - ing.  
Des - pun - ta el al - ba del nue - vo dí - a,  
Fres - ca es la llu - via del al - to cie - lo;  
Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



Black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
can - tan las a - ves al Cre - a - dor;  
ya la cam - pi - ña vuel - ve a na - cer  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the morn - ing,  
tri - nos que bro - tan ca - da ma - ña - na,  
y se des - pier - ta la tie - rra en - te - ra  
Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them spring - ing fresh from the word.  
prec - ces que e - ma - nen del co - ra - zón.  
co - mo u - na nue - va re - su - rrec - ción. Fres  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.

### Translation:

2. Fresh is the rain from high in the sky  
and the countryside is born again.  
And eternal life awakens  
like a new resurrection.

### Traducción:

3. Mía es la luz del sol, mía es la mañana,  
Nacida de la única luz que el Edén vio jugar.  
Alabad con júbilo, alabad cada mañana,  
La recreación de Dios del nuevo día.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible page 607

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible page 860

## HOMILY

Idle Tales

Rev. Cameron Barr

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive. 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.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**We renounce them.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying God's word and showing Christ's love?

**We will, with God's help.**

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 love and justice of Christ?

**We will, with God's help.**

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

**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.**

## ANTHEM

*Tuya es la gloria* ("Thine is the Glory") from Judas Maccabeus

G.F. Handel

Tuya es la gloria, victorioso Redentor,  
Porque tú la muerte has vencido hoy.  
Quitan la gran piedra ángeles de luz,  
En la tumba el lienzo guardan, oh Jesús.

*Estribillo*

Tuya es la gloria, victorioso Redentor,  
Porque tú la muerte has vencido hoy.

Vemos que llega el resucitado ya;  
Ansias y temores él nos quitará.  
Que su iglesia alegre cante la canción:  
¡Vivo está! ¡La muerte pierde su aguijón!

*Estribillo*

Libre de penas, nuestro rey Jesús.  
rompe las cadenas de la esclavitud.  
Ha resucitado, ya no morira!  
Quen muera al pecado, en Dios vivira.

*Estribillo*

¡Ya no dudamos, Príncipe de vida y paz!  
Sin ti no valemos; fortaleza das.  
Más que vencedores haznos por tu amor,  
Al hogar celeste llévanos, Señor.

*Estribillo*

*Thine is the glory, O victorious Redeemer,  
For thou hast conquered death this day.  
Angels of light take away the great stone,  
In the tomb they keep the linen cloth, O Jesus.*

*Refrain*

*Thine is the glory, victorious Redeemer,  
For thou hast conquered death this day.*

*We see the Risen One coming now;  
He will take our anxieties and fears from us.  
Let his joyful church sing the song:  
He is alive! Death loses its sting!*

*Refrain*

*Free from sorrows, our King Jesus.  
Break the chains of bondage.  
He is risen, he shall die no more!  
Who dies to sin, shall live in God.*

*Refrain*

*We doubt no more, Prince of life and peace!  
Without you we are worthless; you give strength.  
You make us more than conquerors by your love,  
Lead us to the heavenly home, O Lord.*

*Refrain*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Today's intercessory response is "Living God, **Hear our 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## HYMN OF BLESSING

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOËL NOUVELET



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
2. In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
3. Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain.  
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain.  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain.



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*



Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

*Traducción:*

1. Ahora se levanta la hoja verde, del grano enterrado,  
Trigo que en tierra oscura muchos días ha yacido;  
El amor vive de nuevo, que con los muertos ha estado:  
El amor ha vuelto como el trigo que reverdece.

2. En la tumba lo pusieron, Amor que había sido asesinado,  
Pensando que nunca despertaría de nuevo,  
Puesto en la tierra como el grano que duerme sin ser visto:  
El amor ha vuelto como el trigo que reverdece.

3. En la Pascua de Resurrección resucitó como el grano,  
Jesús que durante tres días estuvo en la tumba;  
Pronto de entre los muertos se ve al resucitado:  
El amor ha vuelto como el trigo que reverdece.

4. Cuando nuestro corazón está helado, afligido o dolorido,  
el toque de Jesús nos devuelve la vida,  
Campos de nuestros corazones que muertos y desnudos han estado:  
El amor ha vuelto como el trigo que reverdece.

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Beethoven, arr. Philip Hayden



*Easter Sunday*  
*Domingo de Pascua*

**April 20 | 20 de abril**



### **United Church of Chapel Hill**

**1321 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.  
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514**

**7:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE | SERVICIO DE AMANECER**  
CHURCH LAWN | CÉSPED DE LA IGLESIA

**FOLLOWED BY PANCAKE BREAKFAST UNTIL 9 AM**  
DESPUÉS, DESAYUNO DE TORTITAS HASTA LAS 9:00

**9:15 AM UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR | CORO GOSPEL**  
FELLOWSHIP HALL | SALÓN DE LA CONFRATERNIDAD

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BEGINS**  
COMIENZA EL DESAYUNO CONTINENTAL

**9:45 AM FESTIVAL SERVICE | SERVICIO DE FESTIVALES**  
SANCTUARY | SANTUARIO

**11 AM LA MESA SERVICE | SERVICIO DE LA MESA**  
ASSEMBLY HALL | SALÓN DE ACTOS



Bring some flowers to add to the flower  
cross (store-bought or from your yard!)

# 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 [mmee@unitedchurch.org](mailto:mmee@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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:linsoto@gmail.com)). We may be able to pick up items- please contact Linda or José Olmedo ([capolmedo@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](http://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

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSICIANS:** Andrés Santos, baritone; Julie Mitchell, piano; Nan de Andrade, harp

**DEACON:** Jeff Hall

**READER:** Alex Chrisco

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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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