

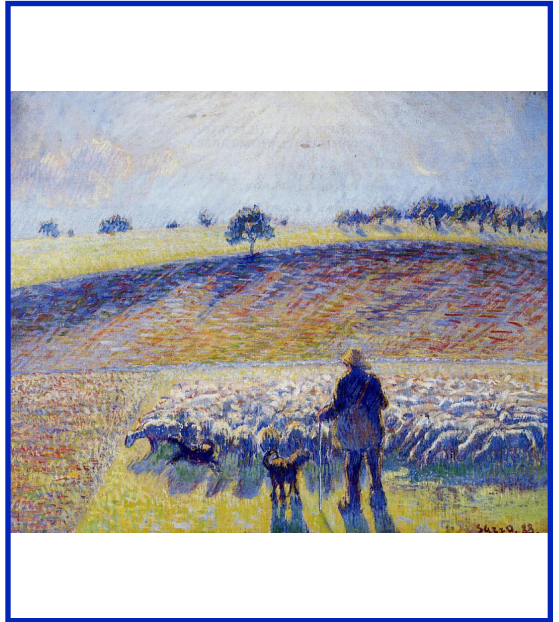
UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

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



OPENING VOLUNTARY

Berceuse (Cradle Song)

Louis Vierne

INTROIT

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.

Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Living God, revealed to us by the faith of women who found the tomb empty and shared their testimony with us, we give thanks for the new life you promise. **Quiet our suspicious and hesitating minds to receive this good news with open hearts, that we may grow strong in our faith, earnest in our hope, and fearless in our love. Through Christ Jesus, risen among us. Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 23: A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. She makes me lie down in green pastures; she leads me beside still waters; she restores my soul. She leads me in right paths for her name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 248**

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

DOMINUS REGIT ME

***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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

(See insert)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:36-43
John 10:22-30

Pew Bible page 894
Pew Bible page 873

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!

The musical notation is for a children's response in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has two measures of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The second staff also has two measures, with the first measure having a vocal line and the second measure having a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The lyrics are: 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

Ears to Hear

Rev. Cameron Barr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM

"How Beautiful Are the Feet" (*Messiah*)

Handel

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all crea-tures here be-low;

O, praise God! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit, Com-for - ter;

One, God, Tri - une whom we a - dore, O, praise God! O, praise God!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is for a doxology in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff has two measures of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The second staff has two measures, with the first measure having a vocal line and the second measure having a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The third staff has two measures, with the first measure having a vocal line and the second measure having a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The fourth staff has two measures, with the first measure having a vocal line and the second measure having a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all crea-tures here be-low; O, praise God! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Ho - ly Spi - Rit, Com-for - ter; One, God, Tri - une whom we a - dore, O, praise God! O, praise God! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

***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 AND BENEDICTUS**

From *Festival Eucharist*

Craig Phillips

Organ

Congregation

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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want. He makes me
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and me to
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pre - sence
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly

down walk to doth lie in pas - tures green; he
fear none ill: With - in the paths of
of my foes; For thou art with me;
fol - low me, and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, ev'n for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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 12

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

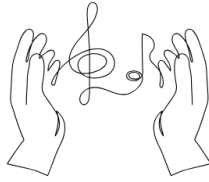
*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Theodore Dubois

UVOP SINGS!



**United Voices of Praise
Gospel Choir**

NEXT SUNDAY [AT] 9:15 A.M.

United Church of Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill-Carrboro

PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP

**Recipients announced next Sunday,
May 18, in Festival Worship**



GRATITUDE CORNER

Thank you to the Yard Sale Team for inviting refugees to shop free for remaining items after the recent yard sale closed. Countries of origin for those attending were Afghanistan, Burma, Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, Rwanda and Syria. Shoppers included those who'd lived in refugee camps for 20 years or more, survivors of the Rwandan genocide, people who were two steps ahead of the Taliban in getting to safety, three members of the Burmese Parliament, and a physics professor. All were absolutely thrilled with the abundance of available choices and with the kind reception they received. Not only was the Team offering needed items to cash-strapped families, they were also dispensing community good will to a population to whom that is not always conveyed. -Flicka Bateman, Director, Refugee Support Center (www.refugeesupportcenter.org)

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.

UVOP NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 18, UVoP will sing at 9:15 a.m., leading into Festival Worship. Join us early to enjoy the music!

NEXT SUNDAY'S COMMUNITY FORUM

When a child is baptized at United Church, we affirm that the child is indeed a child of God and made in the image of God. We also say these words of Jesus, "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." Next Sunday, May 18, the Community Forum will worship with our children in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. They need to feel our love and support. But perhaps even more, we need to worship God through their eyes.

TAIZÉ Friday, May 16 / 7 p.m. / Sanctuary

Our next Taizé service will take place on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Renew your connection with God through meditation, quiet prayer, and song.

MINISTER OF MUSIC JOB OPENING

UCCH is looking for a new minister of music with a heart for congregational ministry to plan worship with a collaborative staff team, lead our adult choir, and coordinate a diverse array of other musical groups, including children and a bilingual choir. If you are creative, patient, flexible, organized, speak some Spanish, and love church music, please consider this call! The position is 30-40 hours a week with excellent benefits. First review of applications starts May 18, position open until filled. Learn more and apply here: <https://united-church.org/careers/>

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. Scan the attached QR code for tickets.



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 16, 23 and 30.** Melanie is also offering private lessons, "Yoga Your Way"—contact melanie.spence@gmail.com if interested.

WORSHIP TIMES TO CHANGE JUNE 8

After months of congregation-wide input, the Church Council has approved a new fixed Sunday schedule to simplify worship times and better support all church programs. Starting June 8, Festival Worship and La Mesa will begin at 10:30 a.m., with Faith Formation programs at 9:15 a.m. and Fellowship time at 11:30. Both services—Festival and La Mesa—will meet simultaneously. Please view the full email for details about the new Sunday morning structure: <https://conta.cc/4cS-03rR> (also linked in Enews).

SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK JUNE 8

following 10:30 a.m. joint worship.

UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The third meeting in our current UCCH 101 series will be on Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the library. Prospective members are invited to 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. Are you interested in becoming a member of UCCH? RSVP for the next meeting here: bit.ly/UCCH101.

VBS SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN!

June 30 - July 3 / 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We are thrilled to offer Vacation Bible School for children between 2 years old and 5th grade. Middle and high school students are invited to participate as helpers. For more information and to register campers and/or helpers: bit.ly/VBS25. Please register by June 15.

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

- ★ Pope Francis. *Shepherds with the "odor of the sheep"*. In "The Church of Mercy: A Vision for the Church," p83-95. 282 Fra C
 - ★ Coffey, M. *Suspense*. In "Mystery without Rhyme or Reason," p151. 811 Cof M
 - ★ Tutu, D. *Hearing God's voice*. In "Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference," p159-179. 170 Tut M
 - ★ Guyton, M. *Servanthood, not leadership: How we follow our shepherd*. In "How Jesus Saves the World from Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity," p132-144. 248.4 Guy H
 - ★ Anderson, J.C. *Reading Tabitha: A feminist reception history*. In "A Feminist Companion to the Acts of the Apostles," p22-48. 226.6 Lev A
- These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Barbara Wildemuth, 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, soprano; Sungyu

Lim, violin; Tim Baker, organ

GREETERS: Sharon Hanson, Janet Flowers

DEACON: Jeff Hall

READER: Jeanne Allen

COMMUNION VOLUNTEER: Peter Schay

LIVESTREAM: Bill Siddall

SOUNDBOARD: Ron Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Apolonia Otto in memory of her husband, Dave Otto.

COFFEE HOST: Priscilla Boomer

COVER ART: *Shepherd and Sheep* by Camille Pissarro, 1888.

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MINISTER TO YOUTH & FAMILIES: Jordan Haywood

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NURSERY ASSISTANTS: Alex Tanner, Colin Tanner, Harper Gray, Kallista Mela, Mimi Reeves, Anna Grove, & Josh Hart

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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A PLACE of BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Lillian (Lily) Brumback is graduating from Carrboro High School summa cum laude, and will attend NC State University this fall, where she will be majoring in Supply Chain Management and Entrepreneurship.

Willem Ross Crittenden will be graduating from Cedar Ridge High School in Hillsborough, NC next month. Come fall, he will be attending The Oberlin Conservatory of Music, majoring in their Recording Arts and Production Program. While at Oberlin, he hopes to continue playing trumpet, guitar, and bass. Will has fond memories of growing up in the UCCH family. He is a proud graduate of the United Church Preschool as well.

Anna Katherine Grove will graduate from Cedar Ridge High School, where she has spent four years discovering her love for teaching young children through several internships at New Hope and Grady Brown Elementary. Anna plans to pursue a career in teaching while attending Alamance Community College for a short period of time until she is ready to transfer to UNC-Chapel Hill. Anna is a gifted athlete and spent most of her youth on a competitive jump rope team with such notable accomplishments as competing at the Apollo Theater in NYC, performing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, and competing on the USA National Team! Anna took a break from jumping this year to play tennis for her school. Many of you know Anna from our church nursery, where she shares her magic and joy with the children of our community week after week. Anna is called to work with children and will work hard to create a path to achieve this goal.

Cole Nicholson has grown up here. From children's moments to Sunday school and confirmation class, your extravagant welcome and sincere care over these many years have helped shape who he is today. Cole just completed his last season of baseball at Carrboro High and is turning his attention to senior fun and managing a swimming pool before heading to UNC in the Fall, so you might see him out and about!

Colin Tanner is a senior at Chapel Hill High School, and will graduate summa cum laude in June. He has been on the basketball and lacrosse teams at CHHS, now serving as co-captain of the varsity lacrosse squad. He has also been active in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club, this year as Treasurer, and placed 2nd in the state competition in the category of Human Resources Management. This summer, he will attend the national FBLA conference in California to represent CHHS and North Carolina. In his free time, he works for Carrboro Parks & Recreation, and enjoys playing pickleball and fantasy football. At United Church, Colin performed in many children's musicals as an elementary schooler, was confirmed in 2022, and has worked in the nursery for the last three years. In the fall, he will attend The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was awarded a Carey Fellowship, Sewanee's business honors program.

Alex Tanner is in 12th grade at Chapel Hill High School, from where he will graduate summa cum laude. Alex has been involved in the Chapel Hill Ultimate Frisbee team for four years, and competed at a national tournament last summer with a club team. As a member of the Cyberpatriots club at school, he has engaged in competitions and youth education programs about technology and cybersecurity. Alex also participated in the Chapel Hill High mountain bike team, and was the state champion in the Freshmen Boys division in 2022. Outside of school, he loves playing Magic the Gathering, and has been employed by Carrboro Parks & Recreation for several years. In our church community, Alex performed in children's musicals when he was younger, was confirmed in 2022, and now works as a nursery assistant. Alex will attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study Computer Science. Go Heels!

