

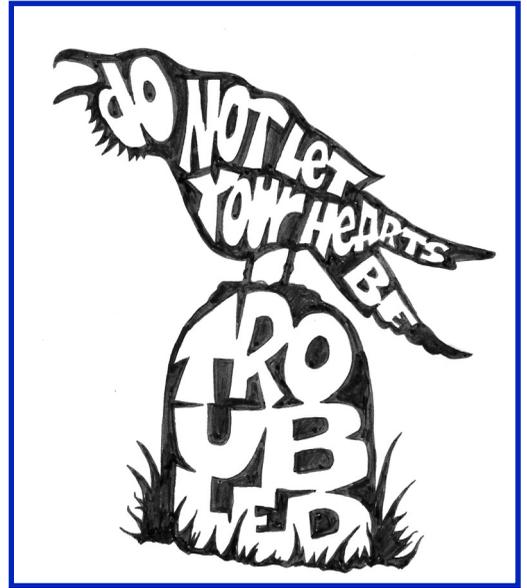
UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025

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



OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allemande from French Suite No. 5

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
And by your proclamation of the kingdom,
Christ Jesus, deliver us.

By your bloody sweat and bitter grief;
By your cross and suffering;
And by your precious death and burial,
Christ Jesus, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
By your glorious ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
Christ Jesus, deliver us.

(cont.)

In our times of trouble;
In our times of prosperity;
In the hour of death,
And on the day of judgment;
Christ Jesus, deliver us.

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE 289**

Come Forth, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

***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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:9-15
John 14:23-29

Pew Bible page 900
Pew Bible page 877

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*She Prevailed Upon Us*

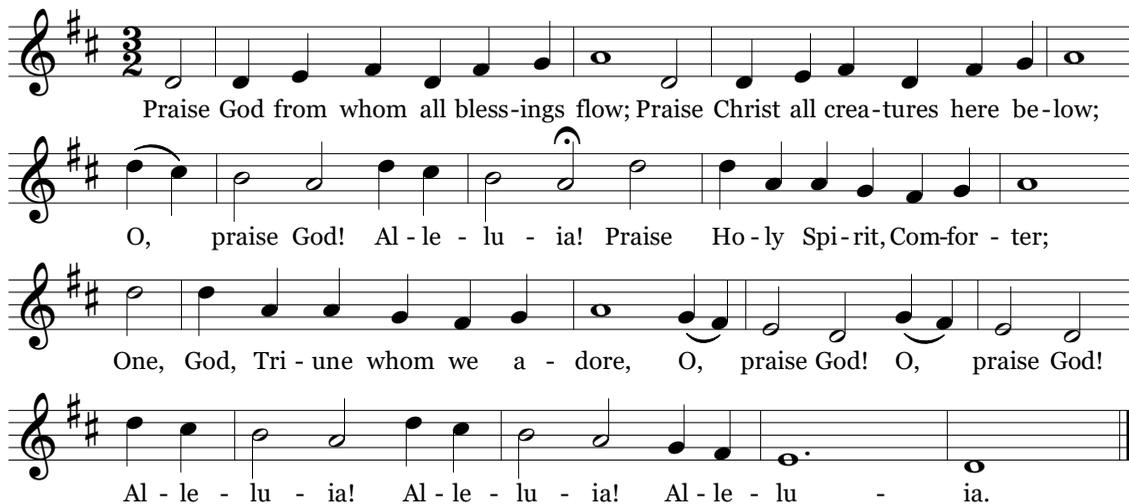
Rev. Cameron Barr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**CALL TO SHARING****ANTHEM***If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandment*

Thomas Tallis

PRESENTATION OF GIFTSDoxology*

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.

*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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. 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 332**

As We Gather at Your Table

BEACH SPRING

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 80**

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELLERS

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Le Matin

Yann Tiersen



NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE STARTING JUNE 8

Worship at 10:30 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10:30 am Joint Worship

- Day of Pentecost, New Member Welcome

11:30 am Fellowship Hour

- Congregational Meeting & potluck lunch

FUTURE SUNDAYS

8:45 am Occasional Worship with UVoP

- (4-6 times per year)

9:15 am Faith Formation Programs

- (Sunday School, Community Forum, etc.)
- Coffee Available

10:00 am Choirs Assemble and Warm Up for Worship

10:30 am Worship Hour

- Festival Worship and La Mesa will begin simultaneously at 10:30 a.m. Usually the services take place separately, but they come together 10-12 times per year for Joint Worship.

11:30 am Fellowship Hour

- Every week there will be food arranged by the Fellowship Board, and during this time shared meals, congregational meetings, or special programs will be scheduled as circumstances require.

UCCH will hold Joint Worship **each Sunday in July.**

GRATITUDE CORNER

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING TODAY

The families of the church are invited to a conversation about the future of youth ministry with Pastor Cameron at 11 a.m. today in the Youth Room. We will discuss plans to search for a full-time Youth Minister, the summer youth calendar, and a mission trip to the Gulf Coast in June 2026.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 26

in observance of Memorial Day.

BOARD OF DEACONS: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Deacons, a group of friendly and dedicated church members, is seeking new members to join us in our service. We serve as a team supporting the worship of the church and helping to provide our United Church extravagant welcome. Interested or want to learn more? Contact Kas Sielken at ksielken@yahoo.com or find a deacon on Sunday morning in the narthex ahead of the service. Join us!

ICE WATCH TRAINING

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Co-sponsored by Siembra NC and Justice United: A hands-on training that equips allies with tools to support and protect immigrant communities. Learn how to verify reports of ICE activity, understand key legal rights, and join a rapid response network dedicated to creating "ICE-Free Zones." This training marks an important new resource for Orange County, and we're calling on 200 people from across the county to step up, learn, and take action. Help build a strong network of solidarity and safety. Register: <http://bit.ly/icewatchch>. Spread the word and bring a friend!

MISA RÍTMICA LATINOAMERICANA CONCERT

Friday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
A Latin-American Mass with vibrant costumes and a colorful stage setup celebrating Hispanic rhythms and traditions. The concert will feature the La Mesa Choir, Andrés Santos, Director, Brendan Smith, piano, and guest musicians.

UCCH YOGA: MAY CLASSES

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

"I FEEL THE SPIRIT" CONCERT

Saturday, June 7, 4:00 pm | Sanctuary
A concert of Negro Spirituals honoring Juneteenth, sponsored by The Negro Spirituals Royalties Projects of Pilgrim UCC and UCCH. Featuring: S.O.N.A.M.; 100 Men in Black; Pilgrim Chancel Choir; UCCH Chancel Choir.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME JUNE 8--BIOS NEEDED!

Everyone who plans to join UCCH as a member on Sunday, June 8, is asked to submit a brief blurb to introduce themselves to the congregation. Please fill out the new member info form by Monday, June 2: <https://bit.ly/ucchbios>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & POTLUCK JUNE 8

You are invited to UCCH's annual congregational meeting following 10:30 a.m. joint worship on June 8. An email was sent to the congregation last week with the meeting agenda and a potluck sign-up sheet (also linked in Enews).

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/4cS03rR> (also linked in Enews).

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 has begun; position open until filled. Learn more and apply here: <https://unitedchurch.org/careers/>

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

A volunteer, Linda Lambert, 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; Mark Rossnagel, organ

DEACON: Lee Schimmelfing

GREETERS: Sharon Hanson, Linda Sellars

READER: Ursula Wuerth

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay

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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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