

# UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

## FESTIVAL WORSHIP

**AUGUST 31, 2025**

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10:30 A.M.

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

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### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Charles Gabriel, arr. Brook Boddie

### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 104 (*The Message*)

What a wildly wonderful world!

**God made it all, with Wisdom at God's side.**

**Earth overflows with wonderful creations.**

Oh, look—the deep, wide sea,  
brimming with fish past counting,  
sardines and sharks and salmon.

**All the creatures look expectantly to God  
to give them their meals on time.**

God comes, and they gather around;  
God opens God's hand and they eat from it.

**And we are gathered here with them.**

Let us worship the God of all creation!

**\*COLLECT IN ESPAÑOL**

Dios, más maravilloso y más amable, gracias por su presencia con nosotros en todos veces y maneras. Escúchanos cuando oramos por los pobres, los enfermos, y los vulnerables. Proteger y guardar los inmigrantes. Nos ayuda a crecer en el amor de Cristo, con corazones fuertes en fe, que podemos ser vecinos buenos por todos sus niños. Amen.

*God, most wonderful and kind, thank you for your presence with us in all times and in all ways. Hear us when we pray for the poor, the sick, and the vulnerable. Protect and save immigrants. Help us to grow in the faith of Christ, with hearts strong in faith, that we can be good neighbors for all your children. 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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible page 610  
Pew Bible page 849

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**CHILDREN'S RESPONSE**

*Where Children Belong*

RITCHIE

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.

Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**SERMON**

*For the Life of the Land*

Jackson Ringley

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**CALL TO SHARING**

**\*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.

**\*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**

*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 ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace* (Folk Hymn)  
with excerpt from "The Swan"

Camille Saint-Saens,  
arr. Jolene Stucky

## COMMUNION HYMN

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM, LORD



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry,  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the



night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## 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 532

*Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

## \*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Lobe den Herren (Praise To the Lord)*

setting by J. G. Walther

### GRATITUDE CORNER

Dear UCCH friends,

I am so grateful to you for your generous celebration of my time here at United Church on August 17th! I feel so warmly wrapped in your love, by the gifts of the prayer shawl, David's touching painting, and Tania's beautiful pocket pillow, and especially by the notes overflowing from the pockets of that pillow! It took me almost a week to get through them as I savored each one. It has been a joy and an honor to serve this congregation over the last 24 years, and I look forward to focusing more specifically on the children as I continue my journey with you! Your support and your love have made this ministry possible! Although I may see a bit less of you in the coming months, you continue to be in my heart.

With a full heart,

Jenny

**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).

# fall 2025 sunday school for youth

**all classes meet 9:15 - 10:15 am in the youth room**

## **Middle School Class** – 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

How do I make smart choices in a complicated world? This class invites middle schoolers to discover who they are and how they want to be in community with other people through games, art, service learning, and scripture. Taught by a team of community members.

## **Confirmation Class** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade & up

This class is for youth to dive deeper into their questions about life, faith, and change. In the Spring, the class is invited to decide if they would like to be 'confirmed' as members of UCCH. Confirmation includes field trips & onsite activities. Taught by Pastor Jackson.

## **High School Class** – 9<sup>th</sup> grade & up, after confirmation

This class is for high school aged youth to develop leadership skills, explore their unique interests, and build relationships with the UCCH community after they have experienced confirmation. Taught by Pastor Cameron.

**want to join? scan this QR code to register your interest  
or email Pastor Jackson at [JRINGLEY@unitedchurch.org](mailto:JRINGLEY@unitedchurch.org)**



**PLAY!**

*A Spirit-Filled Life*

**2025 Fall Retreat**

**October 10-12**  
(Friday-Sunday)

Blowing Rock  
Conference Center

**Information & registration** →



**PASTOR CALEB'S  
ORDINATION SERVICE**  
Save the date: Saturday,  
November 1, 2-3 p.m. in the  
Sanctuary (with a recep-  
tion to follow).

## OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW - LABOR DAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, for the Labor Day holiday.

## CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES SURVEY

Are you new to our congregation and looking for ways to get engaged, or are you a long-time member who is eager to be more deeply connected to our church community? Scan the attached QR code and fill out the Celebration of Ministries Survey to indicate your interest in programs & groups offered at UCCH, and someone will follow up with more information.

Questions? Contact Andrea Tanner at [acarsontanner@gmail.com](mailto:acarsontanner@gmail.com).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL/FAITH FORMATION CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 7 AT 9:15 A.M.

We are approaching the start of Sunday School for children & youth, Spiritual Growth Class, Faith & Family, Community Forums, and more! Our Faith Formation time is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. before worship each Sunday, so don't forget to arrive early next week.

### Faith Formation at 9:15 a.m. next Sunday:

Youth Ministry breakfast in the Youth Room (for 6th-12th graders)

Children's Sunday School begins (for children between Pre-K and 5th grade)

Community Forum in the Fellowship Hall: Aly Breisch and Peter Schay will share their experiences at the UCC General Synod

Spanish Language Bible Study in the library

Spiritual Growth Class in room 229

Faith & Family in the Family Parlor

### After worship:

UCCH 101 in the church library

Fiber & Faith in the Family Parlor

## UCCH YOUTH NEWS

*Register youth for Sunday School by September 3!*

Labor Day Staycation TODAY: All youth and their families are invited to join Pastor Jackson at Chapel Chill from 2-3 p.m. on Sunday, August 31. This is a time to get to know the new Minister to Youth and Families. All youth will receive a free scoop of ice cream!

Also, mark your calendars for a Fall Welcome Cookout at the Carters' on Saturday, September 13, 5-8 p.m. A cookout signup form is linked in the Youth Ministry Calendar. (Scan the attached QR code to view).



## 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).

## GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE NEEDED FOR THE GOD'S BIDDING ONLINE AUCTION

God's Bidding Online Auction is part of the Alternative Gift Market, where you can donate gifts of time, service, or goods to be auctioned online. Examples: house sitting, lawn mowing, iPhone lessons, rides to the airport or doctor, loaves of bread, handmade goods, unique household items. All proceeds support Church World Service, Inter-Faith Council, and Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Please consider making a contribution to this year's online auction. If you have an idea you would like to discuss, contact Henry Lister, AGM Coordinator, at 919-215-9030 ([halister@bellsouth.net](mailto:halister@bellsouth.net)).

## UCCH YOGA: SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community on Fridays, September 5, 12 (chair yoga), and 19, at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Hall. Questions? Contact Melanie ([melanie.spence@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.spence@gmail.com)).

## FALL FIESTAS 5:45 p.m. dinners, 6:15 p.m. programs

Fall Fiestas are a series of Friday evening fellowship events providing fun, learning, and connection for all ages. Each event is also a fundraiser for causes including the UCCH Immigrant Legal Assistance Fund, Board of Multicultural Ministries, Board of Justice, Outreach, and Service, Youth Ministries, and Rise Against Hunger.

- ★ **September 12:** Hispanic Heritage Month celebration with dance lessons and Latin food.
- ★ **September 19:** Intergenerational justice-oriented activity with a New Orleans-inspired dinner.
- ★ **September 26:** Youth-inspired activities and games, with a full spaghetti dinner.
- ★ **October 3:** Hispanic Heritage Month celebration with cultural/historical exhibits, games, & Latin food.

## FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ González, K. *Mi casa es su casa: The hospitality of Jesus.* In "Beyond Welcome: Centering Immigrants in Our Christian Response to Immigration," p70-84. 261.82 Gon B
- ★ Heyward, C. *The second call: Embodying humility.* In "The 7 Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism: A Call to Action," p157-164. 261.7 Hey S
- ★ Smith, J.K.A. *You might not love what you think: Leaning to read "secular" liturgies.* In "You Are What You Love," p27-55. 264 Smi Y
- ★ Guyton, M. *Worship, not performance: How we love God.* In "How Jesus Saves the World from Us," p6-18. 248.4 Guy H

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Linda Sellars, will be in the library after the worship services, to assist you in finding library materials.



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSIC:** Summer Drop-in Choir; Nan de Andrade, harp; Julie Mitchell, organ

**LEAD DEACON:** Ashley Arthur

**READERS:** Nan de Andrade & Jack Tanner

**LIVESTREAM:** Peter Schay

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by the Youth Leadership Team

**COFFEE HOST:** Youth Leadership Team

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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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