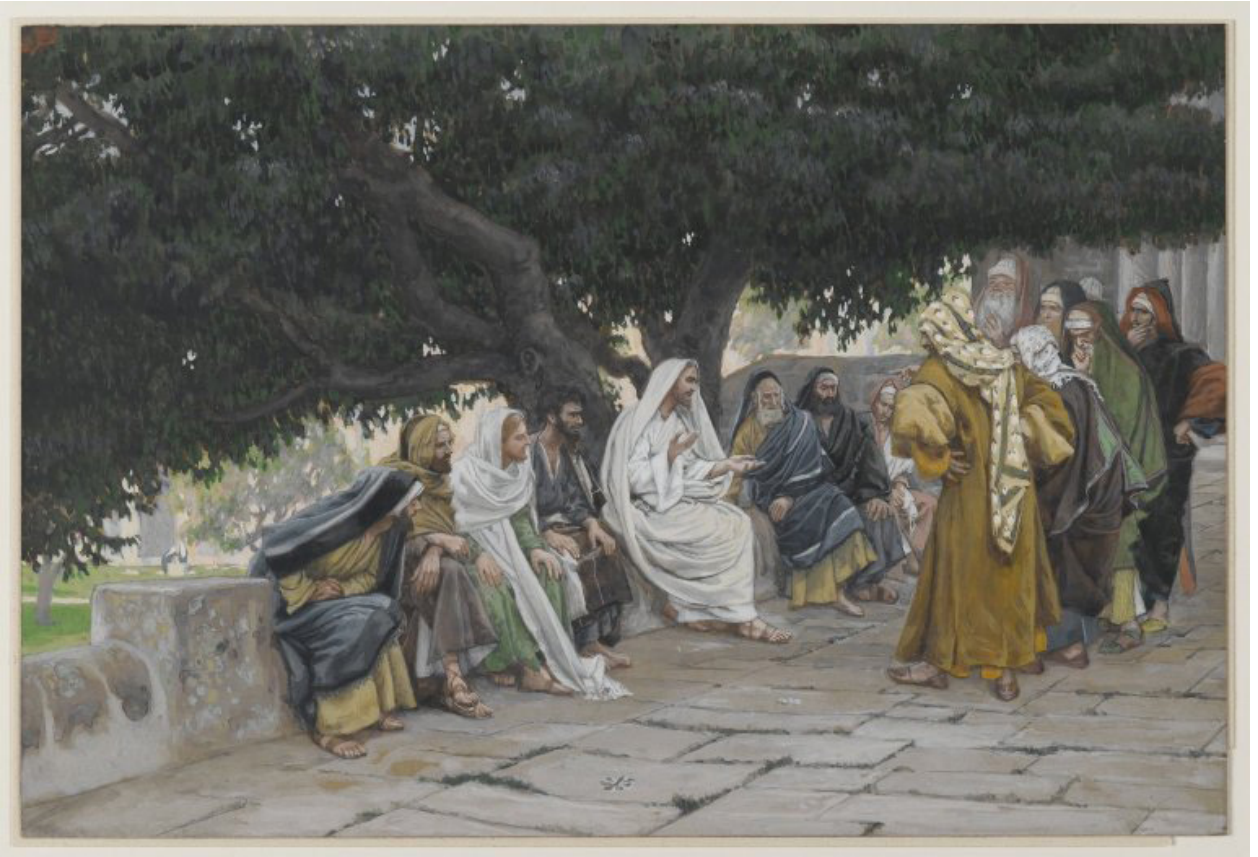


UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL
FESTIVAL WORSHIP



NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Please stand, as able, when indicated with an asterisk.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trio No. 6 in Eb Major

Josef Rheinberger

WELCOME

INVITATION TO THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Henry Lister

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Selections from Psalm 17

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge in you.

Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving and merciful God, you have kept and preserved us throughout our lives: watched over us through every dark night, accompanied us in every trial, and rescued us from every snare. We give thanks daily for your steadfast faithfulness. We acknowledge that we fall short of your perfect love, that we have neglected you in gratitude and in worship, and that we have often turned away from your reconciling spirit. Strengthen our faith, that the goodness in our hearts may mirror the righteousness in yours, and that our trust in you may set us free to live with the bold and gentle grace of the Risen Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our help comes from God alone, who made heaven and earth, and who has never strayed from a covenant with us renewed with each new day.

Thanks be to God!

*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 476My Life Flows on in Endless Song*
ENDLESS SONG

SCRIPTURE READINGS2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38
Pew Bible page 961
Pew Bible page 855

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE*Where Children Belong*
RITCHIE

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'Where Children Belong'. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the staves.

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed 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.

SERMON*Live with the End in Mind*
Rev. Cameron Barr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

JOY & DELIGHT STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGNThe Thayer Family

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

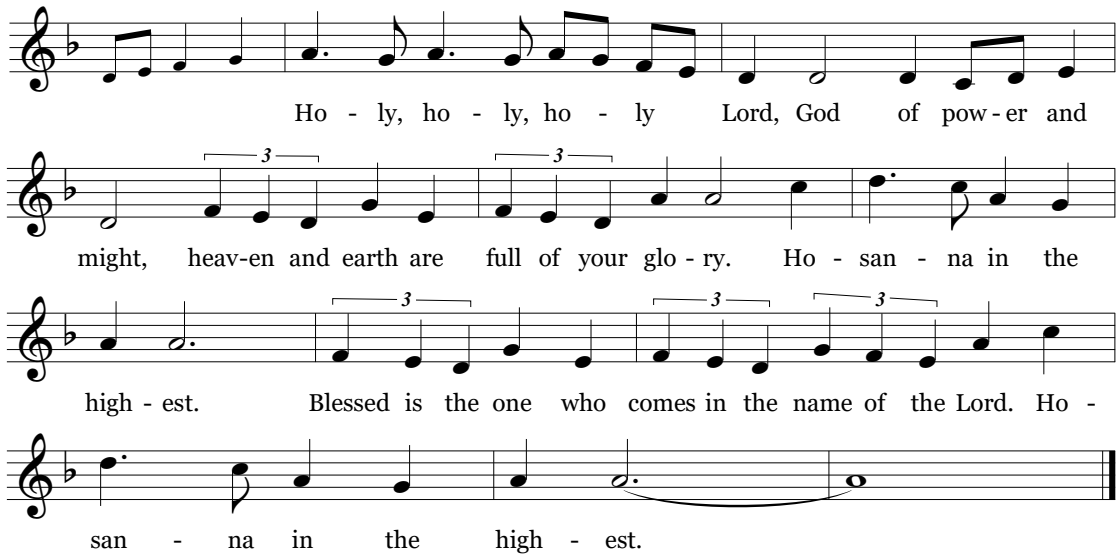
LORD'S PRAYER

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

*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en 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 348

Jesus is Here Right Now

JESUS IS HERE

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 473

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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.

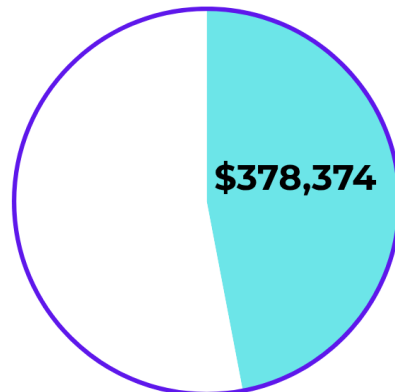


2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

"But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create the city as a joy,
and its people as a delight." -Isaiah 65:18

During the stewardship campaign, we collect financial commitments for next year's operating budget.

Thanks to 72 households, 46.7% of our **\$810,000 goal** has been pledged for 2026. **5 pledges are new** and **39 have increased** (23% average increase) since last year's campaign.



Please make your pledge by **next Sunday, November 16.**



Online: **bit.ly/ucch2026**

OR

Put your pledge card in the offering plate or mail.



Alternative Gift Market

November 22 & 23

Saturday 9am - 3pm Sunday 10am - 1pm

Forget the Mall. Shop for **GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE**

Non-profit Vendors
Holiday Gifts

Church World Service
Gifts of Life

God's Bidding
Online Auction

If it's the thought that counts, where are you shopping?

United Church of Chapel Hill

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www.unitedchurch.org/market

UCCH 101 SERIES FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

First meeting TODAY at 12 p.m. in the library

Are you interested in becoming a member of UCCH? Let's make this official! Visit "bit.ly/UCCH101" to RSVP and join us for this series of meetings leading up to membership day on January 25. We will discuss spirituality, our church community and denomination, and share open question time, all within a casual lunch/snack setting. *Sundays at 12 p.m. in the library:*

November 9: Sharing Stories

December 7: Covenant & Community

January 18: Lunch with Pastors & Preparing to Join

PRISON MINISTRY WORSHIP SERVICE

Everyone over the age of 18 is invited to attend a worship service led by Cameron at Orange Correctional Center in Hillsborough on *Sunday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.* We will also be sharing a meal. Please contact Janet Flowers (Janet.Flowers@unc.edu or 919-918-3436) to **register or to ask questions by November 9.**

JOIN US FOR BRENDAN SMITH'S JUNIOR RECITAL

Friday, November 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary & YouTube

Come support Brendan Smith as he presents his Junior Recital! The program will feature piano works by diverse composers, including both solo and duet performances that highlight Brendan's musical growth & artistry.

HELP SET UP FOR THE AGM

We will be putting up lights and other decorations in the Fellowship Hall for the Alternative Gift Market on *Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.* All are welcome to help. We need at least one volunteer who can climb a ladder. Contact Larry Kroutil at larry.kroutil@frontier.com or 919-358-0628 if you want to volunteer or if you have any questions.

PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT NOV. 15

Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

SONAM Chorus will perform in support of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarship, with music from Britten, Friedman, Dawson, Braun, Palestrina, and more. The concert is free, with generous donations encouraged.

GOSPEL WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 16

8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary & streaming on YouTube

Join us for a breezy, joyous service led by United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, celebrating the Black church tradition through hymns, Negro Spirituals, and a brief liturgy of scripture and prayer.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

ALL-CHURCH DIALOGUE ABOUT MAJOR PROJECTS

The Pillars of Promise Campaign Committee will host a congregational meeting *after worship on Sunday, November 16*, to share updates and gather feedback on major projects, including HVAC installation. Please review Cameron's November 3 email with attached documents and come ready for prayerful discussion.

NOVEMBER 16 COMMUNITY FORUM

Next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Susan Denault will share a project developed through the Transitions Unbroken Circle of Caring, supported by the Caregivers Support Group and the Care Connections Team. The Care Connections Team meets on the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Family Parlor for prayer, learning, and sharing. Together we coordinate ministries of care (Meal Trains, Cards, Fiber & Faith, the Caregiver Support Group, and more) to remind those facing hard times that God is with them.

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE VIGIL

Join us for a Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil at 6 *p.m. on Thursday, November 20*. This vigil will provide a space for us to hold sacred the lives of trans, non-binary, and gender nonconforming folks in our community and across the world.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The UCCH Bake Sale at this year's Alternative Gift Market will take place on *Sunday, November 23 from 9:00 to 1:00* (or until sold out). Bring your prized family recipes to the Fellowship Hall that morning. Mini-loaves of bread/quick breads, small bags of cookies and anything gluten free are popular, as well as Thanksgiving treats. Whole/half pies and cakes are also appreciated! All proceeds benefit IFC food security programs. Please label where necessary: e.g. as GF, nuts (one label for multiple items).

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Rohr, R. The resurrection journey. In "The Universal Christ," p169-187. 232 Roh U
 - ★ Borg, M.J. Salvation is more about this life than an afterlife. In "Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most," p53-75. 230 Bor Co
 - ★ Gulley, P. If the church were Christian, this life would be more important than the afterlife. In "If the Church Were Christian," p173-185. 261.1 Gul I
 - ★ Felten, D.M., & Procter-Murphy, J. Practicing resurrection. In "Living the Questions," p116-125. 230 Fel L
- These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Rev. Jo Watson, will be in the library after the worship service, to assist you in finding library materials.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SERVICE NOTES

MUSIC: Chancel choir; Sophia Tellier, organ

LEAD DEACON: Peter Schay

GREETERS: Sharon Hanson, David Thompson

READER: Jeanne Allen

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

SOUNDBOARD: Ron Johnson

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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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