

# Gospel Worship

UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 8:45 A.M.**

## INVOCATION

*Psalm 100*

## THANKSGIVING

*Enter His Gates*

Rev. Timothy Wright

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

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## CALL TO SHARING

Negro Spirituals Royalties Project

### NEGRO SPIRITUALS ROYALTIES PROJECT

In recognition of the African American composers and hymnwriters who have never been compensated for the Negro Spirituals that are in public domain and contribute so much to the life of Christian worship, we invite your contribution to the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project. All donations will be given directly to the Durham-based choir 100 Men in Black to support their mission of providing a safe, productive, and musically-rich environment for underserved young men in our community. NSRP envelopes can be found in the pew pockets, or donations can be made online at [onrealm.org/ucch/give/now](http://onrealm.org/ucch/give/now) (select the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project fund).

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## HYMN

*O How I Love Jesus*

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its  
 2. It tells me of a Sav - ior's love, Who died to set me  
 3. It tells me what my Fa - ther has In store for ev - 'ry  
 4. It tells of One whose lov - ing heart Can feel my deep - est



worth; It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet-est  
 free; It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's  
 day, And though I tread a gloom - y path, Yields sun - shine  
 woe, Who in each sor - row bears a part, That none can



name on earth.

per - fect plea.  
 all the way.  
 bear be - low.

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love



Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me!



# PASTORAL PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hold Up the Light*

Donnie Harper

## BENEDICTION

# Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

at United Church of Chapel Hill



### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

12:30pm & 5:30pm  
on the church lawn

Join us for a brief, bilingual service and imposition of ashes as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

### EMPTY BOWLS SALE & SOUP DINNER

12:45pm & 5:45pm  
in the Fellowship Hall

Purchase a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl! All proceeds support the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service. Soup will be served at 5:45pm with the purchase of a bowl.



# Miércoles de Ceniza

18 DE FEBRERO DE 2026

en la Iglesia Unida de Chapel Hill



### IMPOSICIÓN DE CENIZAS

12:30pm y 5:30pm  
en el césped de la iglesia

Acompáñenos a un breve servicio bilingüe con la imposición de cenizas para marcar el inicio de la temporada de Cuaresma.

### VENTA DE CUENCOS VACÍOS Y CENA CON SOPA

12:45pm y 5:45pm  
en el salón de compañerismo



Compre un hermoso tazón de cerámica hecho a mano. Todos los fondos recaudados apoyan al Consejo Interreligioso para el Servicio Social (IFC). Se servirá sopa a las 5:45pm con la compra de un tazón.

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSICIANS:** United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir; Vera Bradley & Charles Bradshaw, Directors; Brad Kinter, bass

**DEACON:** Ann Spitzer

**LIVESTREAM:** Bill Siddall

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### UPCOMING GOSPEL WORSHIP SERVICES

In partnership with United Voices of Praise, we plan to offer Gospel Worship once per month through spring. We hope you will join us again at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays, March 15, April 19, and May 17, 2026.

### COMMUNITY FORUM AT 9:15 A.M. TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Roberta Smith, Community Engagement Specialist with Church World Service, will share insights into their ongoing work of carrying out global missions that respond to hunger, displacement, disasters, and poverty by partnering with local communities to deliver sustainable, life-saving support. Rooted in faith and guided by compassion and despite the challenges or recent funding cuts, the mission of CWS continues and the role of the faith community is more vital than ever.

Kristin Lavergne, MSW, Community Services Director, and Katherine Hester Doehring, MDiv, Donor Development Manager, will represent Interfaith Council for Social Service (IFC). IFC's long-standing mission is to respond to the effects and confront the causes of poverty in the Chapel Hill and greater Orange County community. IFC is unique in that it provides not only direct services addressing both food insecurity and homelessness but also activates those with lived experience to confront the systemic causes of poverty and injustice. Kristin will share about IFC's programs that address daily needs, as well as how IFC is responding to recent trends and challenges. Katherine will share about IFC's goals to grow and strengthen the sustainability of IFC's mission into the future.

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