

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL
FESTIVAL WORSHIP



APRIL 19, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

YOUTH SUNDAY

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ ist erstanden

ancient German chorale

(composer unknown, based on 12th century Latin chant)

CHORAL INTROIT

¡Cantar! (Sing!)

Jay Althouse

Cantar una canción alegre. Canta ale-, aleluya! Cantar con una voz.

Sing a joyful song! Sing alle-, alleluia! Sing with one voice.

Music note: This joyful piece by Raleigh's Jay Althouse in the Latin son style, is filled with exuberant alleluias, making it particularly fitting in the Easter season.

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Celebrating the Future of Children's Music

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It all begins with God's love.

Our world was created out of God's love.

So let us share this time together:

Speaking in love,

Hearing in love,

Acting in love,

Abiding in love,

Being God's love.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God's beloved people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another, saying: the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 28

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

COLLECT IN ESPAÑOL

Dios misericordioso, que nos llamas a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, nos has bendecido con muchas lenguas para alabar tu santo nombre. Oramos por la unidad de la iglesia, por todos los que celebran su culto en inglés o en español, y por los inmigrantes que viven de la fe en un país desconocido. Por Cristo Jesús, que hace un hogar para todos tus hijos. Amén.

Merciful God, who calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, you have blessed us with many tongues to praise your holy name. We pray for the unity of the church, for all who worship in English or Spanish, and for immigrants who live by faith in an unfamiliar country. Through Christ Jesus, who makes a home for all your children. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible page 958

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Praise God All Ye Little Children



Praise God! Praise God, all you lit-tle chil - dren. God is love, God is love.



Praise God! Praise God, all you lit-tle chil - dren. God is love, God is love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-27

Pew Bible page 847

REFLECTIONS

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
Raleigh City Farm
A Game at the Youth Retreat

Calvin Barrick
Sophia Tellier
Jack Tanner

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO SHARING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Music note: The text of this anthem, from the Book of Common Prayer 1662, is a response to today's reading from Colossians, which bids us to embrace God's peace in our hearts. The advanced singers of the Junior Choir are pleased to be joined by members of the Chancel Choir to provide the alto, tenor and bass parts.

***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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 HYMN 342

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

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 82

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Offertoire sur les grands jeux

François Couperin

GRATITUDE CORNER

I'm grateful to Karen Setty, for leading the creek health assessment. Karen was a great leader for kids and adults alike, bringing her water expertise (and patience!) to the 8 of us who: checked the UCCH creek's pH level, turbidity, and temperature. Under her guidance, we also found and identified creek critters such as crayfish, Mayfly larva, water pennies and, the big prize, a salamander! For those of us who love all things outdoors, the quarterly creek assessment is not to be missed. Thank you Karen. What a fabulous ministry!

—Kathleen Shapley-Quinn

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 mmeem@unitedchurch.org.

CHURCH YARD SALE

benefiting UCCH language learning ministry

Saturday, April 25
8a-12p

Clothing, books, home items, toys, furniture, and more!
CASH, CHECKS, AND VENMO ACCEPTED. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Pillars of Promise *Capital Campaign* *Giving Update*

Pledges (as of 3/20/26): \$1,726,938

Gifts received (as of 4/16/26): \$1,303,893 (75.5% of pledged amount)

Thank you!

The earlier gifts are received for the capital campaign, the less UCCH has to rely on external sources of funding like loans. If you are able, please complete your pledge as soon as possible. If you have not yet made a pledge or gift to the capital campaign and would like to, please contact Church Administrator Kati Ruark (kruark@unitedchurch.org).

WELCOME!

If you are new to United Church, we are so glad you are here. Please complete a Welcome Card that can be found in the back of the pew, introduce yourself to a pastor after the service, and take a gift bag with more information about our congregation (available on the table outside the sanctuary). We invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments following worship today.

EARTH DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, April 22 at 6pm in the Comma Garden

Join us for a short service to celebrate God's creation!

JOINT WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY: MEMBERSHIP DAY

Sunday, April 26 | 10:30am in the Sanctuary

We will bring Festival Worship and La Mesa together on Sunday, April 26. During this joint, bilingual service, we'll officially welcome new members to our congregation.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY FORUM

Sunday, April 26 | 9:15am | Fellowship Hall

Join us next Sunday for a screening of NC WARN's short film *The True Cost of Power: Duke Energy's Climate Deception*, followed by a discussion led by Jim Warren, NC WARN's Executive Director, and Sara Heilman, NC WARN's Policy Coordinator. NC WARN is a Durham-based non-profit with a 38-year history of advocating for environmental justice across the state.

2026 CHURCH YARD SALE

The 3rd annual yard sale supporting our language classes will be held from **8am-12pm on April 25**. Today is the last day to bring in small donations (like clothing, housewares, electronics, and toys). Large items (like furniture and exercise equipment) can be dropped off Tuesday, April 21-Thursday, April 23. Donations are accepted 10am-4pm on weekdays. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the yard sale and help on the day of the sale. Check our enews for more details and the volunteer form.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE CROP WALK!

Many thanks to the UCCH team for your support of the 2026 CROP Hunger Walk! The last day to donate is April 25. <https://bit.ly/ucchcrop26>

IN-HOME POTLUCKS

One of our most cherished fellowship traditions is back: potluck meals hosted in the homes of members of our congregation. Bring a dish, share a meal, and get to know your church family better. **Gatherings will be held May 16 & 17. Please sign up by April 26.** Register here: <https://bit.ly/ucchdinners>. Questions? Contact April Harrison at ath1045@gmail.com or Pastor Caleb Wolf at cwolf@unitedchurch.org.

BUILD DAY WITH HABITAT ORANGE COUNTY

Saturday, May 9, from 1-4pm

United Church has scheduled a "build afternoon" with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County at the Weavers Grove jobsite on Sunset Road just off Weaver Dairy Road (behind East Chapel Hill High School). This activity will continue United Church's strong history of supporting Habitat Orange County's 40 year work to provide affordable housing for Orange County residents. All over the age of 15 are welcome to help. Learn more & sign up: <https://vhub.at/ucch>

SIGN UP FOR VBS 2026: SUPERHEROES OF FAITH

Monday, June 29 - Thursday, July 2 | 8:30am - 12:30pm

Join us for Vacation Bible School 2026! Have fun, meet new friends, and connect with your inner superhero. VBS is for children between 2 years old and 5th grade (6th grade and up are invited to be helpers). Everyone is welcome - all faith groups, our neighbors, and church community. **Register by June 14.** Updated registration link: <https://bit.ly/vbs2026ucch>

SIGN UP FOR THE PAULI MURRAY FIELD TRIP

Saturday, May 2 | 2:00-3:30pm

Join a tour of the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice in Durham. This tour is limited to 30 and costs \$20 per person. Learn more/register in the enews. Only a few spots remain, so register today if you would like to attend.

SAVE THE DATE | FALL CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

UCCH will present *Zombies! the Musical* on October 24 and 25, 2026. Auditions are on August 29, and rehearsals begin on August 30. Learn more & sign up here: <https://bit.ly/ucchzombies>

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

Our email newsletter is sent weekly on Tuesdays (English) & Fridays (Spanish). Sign up at unitedchurch.org.

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Smith, J.B. Learning to live without worry. In "The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ," p171-184. 248.4 Smi G
- ★ Moses, L.H. Enough. In "More than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess," p9-14. 248.4 Mos M
- ★ Grimes, N. Hoarder control. In "Glory in the Margins: Sunday Poems," p94. 811 Gri G
- ★ Budde, M.E. "Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love." 248.4 Bud R

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SERVICE NOTES

MUSIC: Junior Choir, with members of Chancel Choir; Félix Contreras, saxophone; Rosendo Peña, Gaylen Brubaker, percussion; Barbara Wildemuth, piano. George McKee, Robert Peña Sequera, solos (*¡Cantar!*).

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay

COFFEE HOST: Lori Carter

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Peter Schay & Patricia Stock in memory of their son, Eric Justin Stock Schay.

COVER ART: *From the Lord's Prayer* by Cara B. Hochhalter, 2019. From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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LITURGY NOTES: The Call to Worship was written for “Let Love Lead” at Montreat Youth Conference (2019). The Prayers of the People were written from the prayer requests of our youth at the March retreat in Raleigh, NC.

UNITED CHURCH STAFF

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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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