

# UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



**MAY 10, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.**  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Celtic Confirmation Medley*

arr. Julie Mitchell

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When Jesus started his ministry,  
he taught in the Temple, saying:

**“I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.”**

When the crowds following Jesus  
began to grow and grow, he said,

**“You are the light of the world.  
Let your light shine before others.”**

So, come, you who follow and you who wander,  
you who doubt and you who believe.

**Come, and let your light shine!**

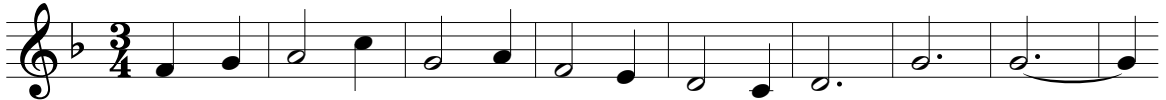
### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)*



1. "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?"
2. "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?"
3. "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?"
4. "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known,  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grown in you and you in me.

## 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.*

## BAPTISM

We are gathered to proclaim God's presence in the life of Calvin Barrick, and to witness his affirmation of faith. What can we affirm about Calvin?

**That he is a child of God and made in the image of God.**

The Sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of our acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of our participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

## 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.



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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ruth 1:1-18  
Matthew 4:18-22

Pew Bible page 210  
Pew Bible page 785

## HOMILY

Jackson Ringley

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe the Church is an invitation into life together, where we become one big community made up of many voices. The Church is a place that welcomes everyone, no matter who you are or where you come from.

The Church is called to spread the Word of God through worship, learning, fellowship, and care. These practices build our community and give us many ways to participate. Whether sharing a meal or volunteering, the Church gives us ways to connect with God and each other.

As a loving community, the Church is called to serve our neighbors like Jesus did. This includes providing care for people in crisis, uplifting those in need of resources, and reaching out to people who are hurting.

In our church,  
You are welcome, even if you have a lot of questions.  
You are welcome, even if you worship in different ways.  
You are welcome, period.  
We are all one big community.

## **CONFIRMATION LITURGY**

We are gathered to welcome this beloved group of Confirmands into our life together. What can we affirm about these people?

**Congregation: That they are children of God and made in the image of God.**

We are all created in God's image; in one another we can see the face of Christ. In community we are blessed by the Holy Spirit's wisdom and power. We come to the church, then, not as strangers but as friends in Christ and members of the household of God.

**Congregation: We have many identities, all formed by the same God. We come from many communities, all members of one body.**

As members of United Church of Chapel Hill, do you promise to love and support these young people on the next steps of their faith journey?

**Congregation: We do.**

Do you commit to walk with them, talk with them, celebrate them, and care for them on their paths, both here and beyond these walls?

**Congregation: We do.**

Will you do your best to listen to their wisdom, take their questions seriously, and honor their unique voices, needs, and imaginations in this place?

**Congregation: We will, with God's help.**

No matter their decision today, will you embrace them as important participants in this community?

**Congregation: We will, with God's help.**

**ANOINTING OF THE CONFIRMANDS**

**CALL TO SHARING**

**ANTHEM**

*You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

Trad. Irish folk melody,  
arr. K. Lee Scott

(Text by Sylvia Dunstan can be found at Hymn 504)

**Program note:** As our confirmands today take on full membership in the church universal, we reflect on Jesus' exhortation to all Christians to spread the gospel to the world. The final phrase of Sylvia Dunstan's text echoes the words found in the UCC crest, "That they may all be one."



**\*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**

God of grace,  
**hear our 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.**

## **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 MUSIC

## *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

Fm Fm Fm Fm

1. We are one in the Spir- it, we are one in the Lord, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth- er, we will walk hand in hand, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth- er, we will work side by side, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa- ther, from whom all things come, and all

Bbm Bbm Fm Fm Bbm

one in the Spir- it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all  
 walk with each oth- er, we will walk hand in hand, and to- geth- er we'll  
 work with each oth- er, we will work side by side, and we'll guard hu- man  
 praise to Christ Je- sus, God's on- ly Son and all praise to the

Bbm Fm Fm *Refrain* D $\flat$  D $\flat$

u - ni - ty may one day be re- stored:  
 spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris- tians by our  
 dig - ni - ty and save hu- man pride:  
 Spir - it, who makes us one:

Fm Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm Fm

love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Chris- tians by our love.

## 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

*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.

## \*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Praise to the Lord*

LOBE DEN HERREN

### ***Giving Update***

(as of 5/8/26)

#### ***Annual Budget***

**Total 2026 pledges: \$819,696**

**Pledged gifts received: \$369,743** (YTD budget: \$287,419)

**Non-pledged gifts received: \$16,525** (YTD budget: \$22,355)

**Other income** (e.g. interest, building use donations): **\$33,705** (YTD budget: \$34,774)

#### **Pillars of Promise Capital Campaign**



**Pledges: \$1,726,938**

**Gifts received: \$1,315,845** (76% of pledged amount)

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](mailto:kruark@unitedchurch.org)).

#### **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 share your thoughts in our weekly worship bulletins and newsletters. Send your submission to [mmee@unitedchurch.org](mailto:mmee@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.

## PATHWAYS TO PARENTHOOD: A COMMUNITY PANEL ON FERTILITY & FAMILY BUILDING

*Wednesday, May 13 | Resource fair @5:30 | Panel @6:30*

UCCH member Dr. Susannah Copland is moderating an expert panel on fertility and family building through Jewish for Good on the evening of Wednesday, May 13. Susannah is a specialist in reproductive endocrinology and fertility. All are welcome to learn and participate. RSVP: [bit.ly/PathwaystoParenthood](https://bit.ly/PathwaystoParenthood)

## NEXT SUNDAY: GOSPEL WORSHIP @8:45

*Sunday, May 17 | 8:45am in the sanctuary*

A service developed with special attention to the Black Church Tradition, Gospel Worship features anthems offered by United Voices of Praise, hymns and Negro Spirituals, and a brief liturgy of scripture and prayer.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY FORUM

*Sunday, May 17 | 9:15am in the sanctuary*

Next Sunday's Community Forum will focus on supporting and nurturing the children in our church community. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the sanctuary for Children's Church, a service created for and led by Sunday School children. When a child is baptized at United Church, we make a shared commitment to care for and guide them as they grow. This gathering invites us to reflect on that commitment together.

## YOU'RE INVITED! RELATIONAL MEETING TRAINING WITH JUSTICE UNITED

*Sunday, May 17 | 12-1:30pm | Fellowship Hall*

Join us after worship next Sunday for a light lunch and an interactive introduction to "relational meetings," one-to-one conversations that build trust, strengthen community, and support justice work. Participants will learn the basics, practice a relational meeting, and explore how these conversations can deepen connections within United Church and the wider community.

## WE ARE HIRING!

UCCH is seeking to hire for two part-time positions:

### Junior Choir Director & Children's Musical Director.

Candidates will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the positions will remain open until filled. For detailed information see <https://unitedchurch.org/careers>. Cover letter and resume and/or questions may be sent to [childrensmusic@unitedchurch.org](mailto:childrensmusic@unitedchurch.org). Please spread the word!

## UCCH YOGA: MAY CLASSES

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community on **Fridays at 9am in the Assembly Hall: May 15 and 29**. Questions? Contact Melanie at [melanie.spence@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.spence@gmail.com).

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

Calling all High School Seniors: Graduation Sunday will take place on June 7 in Festival Worship. Please **complete this form by May 20** to be honored during the service: <https://bit.ly/ucseniors26>. Questions? Reach out to Jackson at [JRingley@unitedchurch.org](mailto:JRingley@unitedchurch.org)

## JOY & DELIGHT CONCERT

Join us on *Friday, May 29 at 7:30pm* for Joy & Delight - an inspiring joint concert featuring UCCH Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells. Our repertoire journeys through themes of Exuberance, Reflection, Reverence, and Assurance. Featured choral composers include Brahms, Monteverdi, Aaron Copland and R. Nathaniel Dett, alongside handbell composers Joel Raney, Kevin McChesney, Cathy Mocklebust, & Michael J. Glasgow of NC. A free will offering will be collected in support of the UCCH Music Ministry.

## 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**. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/vbs2026ucch>

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

## FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Evans, R.H. Confirmation. In "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church," p159-199. 920 Eva S
- ★ Obbard, E.R. Naomi offers a choice [and] The choice is made. In "Ruth and Naomi: A Story of Friendship, Growth and Change," p17-27. 222.6 Obb R
- ★ Chittister, J. Learning to hear the call. In "Following the Path," p61-67. 248.4 Chi F
- ★ Budde, M.E. To turn: Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus. In "Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love," p1-16. 248.4 Bud E

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:** Julie Mitchell, organ; Junior Choir; Barbara Wildemuth, piano

**DEACON:** Jill McArdle

**LIVESTREAM:** Bill Siddall

**SOUNDBOARD:** Ron Johnson

**COFFEE HOST:** Youth Leadership Team

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given by the Youth Leadership Team in honor of the 2026 Confirmation Class.

**COVER ART:** *The Calling of Saint Peter and Saint Andrew* by James Tissot, 1886-1894.

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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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