

# UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



**MAY 31, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.**

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Komm, Heiliger Geist (Veni Sancte Spiritus)*

Friedrich Zachau

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Ubi Caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

*Congregávit nos in unum Christ amor.*

We are gathered as one in Christ's love.

*Exsultémus et in ipso jucundémur.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.

*Timeámus et amémus Deum vivum.*

Let us fear and love the living God.

*Et ex corde diligámus nos sincéro. Amen.*

And from our hearts, let us love one another sincerely. Amen.

## WELCOME

Beloved of God, think of us in this way:

**As servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the Book of Genesis, God had said,

**"Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."**

So God created humans in their image; in the image of God he created them; male and female and with many differences they created them. God blessed them, and God said to them,

**"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."**

God saw everything that they had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Let us pray.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most wonderful God, you have created each one of us in your own image, and you have given us all that we need. Thank you for the world of differences that surrounds us, and for the divine signs of life that we can see in each other. Among our many blessings, you have given us sacred responsibilities to each other and to your creation. Yet we fail to appreciate the image of you that we can see in our neighbors. We take for granted the gifts we have received by your hand, and we abuse the abundance that you have provided. Forgive us, most merciful God, and turn us again toward your vision of creation, that we may live in grateful stewardship of your blessings and grow more perfect in love. Amen.

## **PROMISE OF GRACE**

Everything that God has made is good in God's sight. By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, restored, and encouraged. Let us walk faithfully forward trusting in the love that has given us life and blesses us every day. Amen.

## **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.*

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## **\*HYMN OF PRAISE 277**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

## **SCRIPTURE READING**


Psalm 8

Pew Bible page 427  
Reader: Alaina Kleinbeck

## 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.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible page 812  
Reader: Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

### SERMON

Rev. Ruth Edens

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY 12

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

STUTT GART

### CALL TO SHARING

### ANTHEM

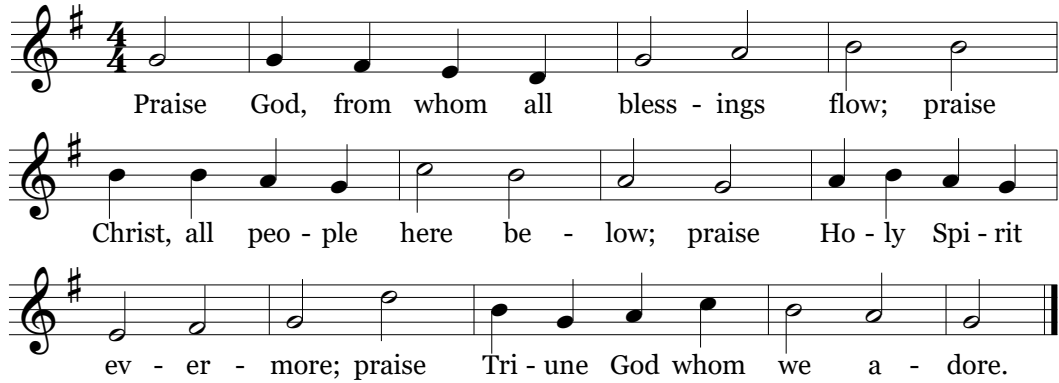
*God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

**Program note:** As we reflect on the majesty of God, Jesus' life, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Trinity Sunday, this anthem draws us back to the heart of it all—God's love for humanity. In response to the Gospel reading from Matthew, Stainer's composition becomes a meditation on a love that redeems and sustains our sending into the world.

## \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spi - rit  
ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore.

## 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.*

**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 278***Creator God, Creating Still*

ST. ANNE

**\*BENEDICTION****CLOSING VOLUNTARY***Fugue in C Major*

Dieterich Buxtehude



## Pillars of Promise Capital Campaign Progress Update

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

Gifts received (as of 5/29/26): \$1,317,936 (76% of pledged amount)

*Thank you!*



Many exciting things are happening as the Pillars of Promise capital campaign continues to secure the present and build toward the future of United Church. The recently dedicated Peacemaking Garden, alongside updated landscaping toward MLK, has made UCCH more visible and inviting. Siding and windows will begin replacement later this summer, and preparations are ongoing for a completely overhauled HVAC system. The best way to support the capital campaign's work is to keep our church in your prayers. Support can also be more direct. You can complete your pledge, preferably early. You can also make a stand-alone gift at any time. Thank you for your support.

*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**

Since I have been a member of our church I noticed the presence of Peter Schay helping out in many different ways: assisting at communion, being a reader, sitting at the sound board or helping with the collection, etc. I'm grateful for his service as we need people like him to keep the congregation afloat! So, thanks, Peter!  
—Ursula Wuerth

**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 [mme@unitedchurch.org](mailto:mme@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.

## PALESTINIAN JUSTICE PARTNERS OLIVE OIL

There are a few bottles of Palestinian olive oil and bars of olive soap left from last year's Alternative Gift Market. Palestinian Justice Partners will have them for sale at their info table in the Fellowship Hall after today's service.

## END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION TODAY

*Sunday, May 31 | 5-7:30pm in the Youth Room*

For youth in grades 6-12. Dinner will be provided. Contact Pastor Jackson with questions or to join the youth communications list: JRingley@unitedchurch.org.

## JOIN UCCH AT CHAPEL HILL PRIDE!

UCCH is proud to be a community sponsor of Chapel Hill Pride this year. Join us on **Saturday, June 6** for the Pride Promenade and Vendor Fair. **The promenade begins at 12:45pm (gathering starts at 12pm** at Peace and Justice Plaza), and UCCH will host a table at the **Vendor Fair from 12-3pm** at 140 West Franklin Plaza. For day-of questions or help finding the UCCH group, contact Fabio Bolognesi at [fabio.bolognesi75@gmail.com](mailto:fabio.bolognesi75@gmail.com).

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The annual meeting to elect church officers and board members will be held **Sunday, June 7, following worship**. There will also be potluck lunch. Please plan to attend. The meeting agenda and relevant documents have been emailed to Enews subscribers.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

**June 7:** Senior Recognition in Festival & La Mesa  
—Congregational Meeting after worship

**June 14:** Juneteenth Observance

**June 28:** Pride Sunday & start of summer joint worship

## UCCH YOGA: JUNE CLASSES

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community on **Fridays at 9am in the Assembly Hall: June 5, 12, and 26**. Questions? Contact Melanie at [melanie.spence@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.spence@gmail.com).

## VBS 2026: SUPERHEROES OF FAITH

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

Join us for Vacation Bible School 2026! **Please register by June 14:** <https://bit.ly/vbs2026ucch> (see the registration form for details).

## JUNETEENTH GOSPEL WORKSHOP & CONCERT

Join us on **Saturday, June 13**, for a joyful Juneteenth celebration filled with gospel music, African American spirituals, community, and song. Participants will gather as a mass choir from **10am-3pm for rehearsals and workshops**, preparing for a **4pm concert** featuring the mass choir, the UCCH Chancel Choir, United Voices of Praise, and 100 Men in Black. UCCH will also present 100 Men in Black with funds raised through the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project in support of their important work. We hope you will join us! No church affiliation or prior participation required. Lunch will be provided.

## DEATH PENALTY LITIGATION PRESENTATION

**After worship on Sunday, June 14**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation about the *Center for Death Penalty Litigation*. This event is sponsored by the Board of Justice, Outreach, and Service, the Board of Adult Education, and the Racial Justice Committee. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details.

## UCCH STREAM TEAM

Calling all nature buffs! We are excited to conduct our second round of stream monitoring in Booker Creek, directly behind UCCH, on **Saturday June 20 from 10am to 12pm**. Volunteers of all ages can sign up for this hands-on adventure. Spots are limited, and children should bring an adult. The water and habitat quality data we collect benefits the Haw River Assembly's River Watch Program. Please contact [karen.setty@gmail.com](mailto:karen.setty@gmail.com) with any questions. See you in the creek!



## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

## FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Reyes-Chow, B. "Everything Good about God Is True: Choosing Faith." 230 Rey E
- ★ Rohr, R. "The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation." 231 Roh D
- ★ Taylor, B.B. Three hands clapping. In "Home by Another Way," p153-156. 252 Tay H
- ★ Craddock, F.B. What God wants this church to do. In "Cherry Log Sermons," p42-47. 252 Cra C

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. Instructions are provided: for using the catalog (near the computer), and for borrowing an item (near the door). Questions? Contact Barbara Wildemuth.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## SERVICE NOTES

**MUSIC:** Julie Mitchell, organ; Chancel Choir

**DEACON:** Bill Benjey

**GREETERS:** Seth Murray, Peter Barnes

**READERS:** Alaina Kleinbeck, Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

**LIVESTREAM:** Brian Moore

**SOUNDBOARD:** Toby McCoy

**COVER ART:** *Trinity* by Kelly Latimore, 2016. [kellylatimoreicons.com](http://kellylatimoreicons.com). From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

## UNITED CHURCH STAFF

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Rev. Cameron Barr

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Rev. Caleb Wolf

**MINISTER TO CHILDREN:** Anitra Grove

**MINISTER TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES:** Jackson Ringley

**MINISTER OF MUSIC:** Reyna Alston

**PROGRAM ORGANIST:** Julie Mitchell

**ADJUNCT MUSIC STAFF:** Charles Bradshaw (United Voices of Praise Director)

**CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR:** Kati Ruark

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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:  
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