

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



JUNE 21, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elevazione per Organo (Elevation for Organ)

Bernardo Sabadini

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is great and does marvelous things. Delight in God!

The Holy One gladdens the soul. We lift them up!

In the day of trouble, we call on Comforter and Protector, Counselor and Provider, Companion and Peace.

The Holy One soothes the soul. We call upon their name!

The Gracious and Eternal God gives ear to our prayers and listens to our cries.

The Holy One hears the soul. We turn to our God in hope and faith!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Listening God, we acknowledge that you know us. You are familiar with our attitudes, behavior, and character. You ground us in the fertile soil of your love. Yet, we confess that at times, we feel rooted in sand. We observe our life circumstances, and hope may collapse under despair, fear may overcome courage, and uncertainty drives out faith. Help us, O God, when we cry out and when we don't. Speak to us so that your message drowns out any other voice, including our own, that believes less for us than your promises offer. Do a new thing in us, for us, and through us. Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

Beloved, the Holy One has observed, received, and acknowledged our needs and our hopes. In Christ, new life has been revealed. By Spirit, the Holy One leads us into renewing and transformative life. This is God's will for each and all of us. The love and strength of God will accompany us and sustain us in every trial.

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 475


God's Eye is on the Sparrow

SPARROW

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

Genesis 21:8-21

(from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Year A*)

The child grew, and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day of Isaac's weaning. Then Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian woman, whom she had given birth to for Abraham, playing. So she said to Abraham, "Drive out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit with my son, with Isaac." The situation was evil in Abraham's eyes on account of his son. And God said to Abraham, "See it not as evil in your eyes on account of the boy and on account of your slave woman. In all that Sarah says to you, obey her voice, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. Yet even the son of the slave woman I will make a nation also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar. He placed it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. Then she walked away and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-Sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she thrust the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat herself down before him some way off, about the distance of a bow-shot; for she said, "Let

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me not see the death of the child." So, she sat before him and she lifted up her voice and she wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the messenger of God called to Hagar from the heavens, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Rise, lift the boy and hold him with your hand, for a great nation of him I will make." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and let the boy drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he settled in the wilderness, and became an archer. He settled in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother acquired a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Matthew 10:24-39

Pew Bible page 791

SERMON

Rev. Cameron Barr

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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 HYMN 511

I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry

SMALLWOOD

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 503**

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

MARYTON

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

How Majestic is Your Name

UCCH IS HIRING: *BUILDING AND EVENTS MANAGER*

United Church is seeking a Building and Events Manager. This position will be part time (10-15 hours/week) and temporary (September-December 2026) to cover responsibilities during a staff member's period of parental leave. The primary purposes of the position are to represent the church to the many community groups that use our building and to provide support to the Alternative Gift Market.

Read more about the position at "unitedchurch.org/careers/."



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 mme@unitedchurch.org.

THIS SUMMER AT UNITED CHURCH

Worship every Sunday at 10:30am

Sun, Jun 28 - *Summer worship* (bilingual services in the Sanctuary)
begins with *Pride* Service

Sun, Jul 5 - VBS Music in worship

Sun, Jul 19 - UCCH 101 (9:15am); Laity Sunday (volunteers needed!)

Sun, Jul 26 - *Final summer worship service*

Sat, Aug 8 (11am) - Youth & Children's Ministries Pool Party

Sun, Aug 16 - UCCH 101 (9:15am)

Sun, Aug 23 - Celebration of Ministries & New Member Sunday

Summer Bible Study: Book of Revelation

Sundays, June 28-July 26
9:15-10:15am
Family Parlor

Look for more information about
worship and events - including
others not listed here - in the weekly
enews and worship bulletin
announcements.

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

9:15am Bible study | Family Parlor

10:30am joint bilingual worship | Sanctuary

Summer joint worship will begin on Pride Sunday, June 28, and continue through Sunday, July 26. Our focus will be the Book of Revelation, one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible. As we encounter Revelation through scripture and sermons during worship, a 9:15am Bible study will provide an opportunity to look deeper each Sunday. Bible study details have been shared with our enews subscribers. Questions? Contact Pastor Caleb at cwolf@unitedchurch.org.

NEXT SUNDAY: PRIDE SERVICE

June 28 is Pride Sunday at UCCH! Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30am as we kick off our summer joint worship series with a joyful celebration of God's inclusive love. Everyone is encouraged to wear rainbows and colorful clothing to the service. *Spanish and ASL interpreting is provided during joint services.*

INTRODUCTION TO ASL SERIES

Sundays, June 21-July 12 | 9:30-10am in room 229

Join us for a four-session introduction to American Sign Language led by members of our church community! No prior experience is required, and all are welcome. Participants will learn basic ASL communication skills, including questions, introductions, and simple conversations, while gaining insight into Deaf culture. A voluntary offering will be accepted to support the UCCH Language Learning Ministry.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP

Middle School Day Camp registration is open! Camp runs August 18-20 from 9am to 3:30pm and is based at United Church. Daily program includes a local service project, recreation, art, and reflection. Payment available on a sliding scale. Spots are limited; scan the QR code & fill out the form to reserve yours.



UCCH YOGA: JUNE CLASS

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community on **Friday, June 26, at 9am in the Assembly Hall**. Questions? Contact Melanie at melanie.spence@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

June 28: Pride Sunday & start of summer joint worship

July 5: Summer joint worship + VBS presentation

July 19: Summer joint worship: Laity Sunday

July 26: Final summer worship service

HELP KEEP THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY STOCKED

Help keep our Little Free Pantry supplied this summer by picking up an extra item or two during trips to the grocery store. Donations may be placed in the pantry (down the hill from the portico toward IFC) or in the marked basket in the narthex. Scan the QR code for suggested items and donation guidelines, (e.g. shelf-stable foods; no glass containers).



UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sundays, June 21, July 19, August 16 at 9:15am in the library
Interested in joining United Church as a member, or just in learning more about this congregation or denomination? UCCH 101 is for you! Visit "bit.ly/UCCH101" to RSVP and join any of these three meetings leading up to membership day on August 23, 2026. Over breakfast we'll explore spirituality, our church community and denomination, with time for questions and conversation.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Williams, D.S. Hagar's story: A route to black women's issues. In "Sisters in the Wilderness," p15-33. 230 Wil S
- ★ Sakenfeld, K.D. Sarah and Hagar: Power and privileges. In "Just Wives? Stories of Power and Survival in the Old Testament and Today," p7-25. 221.9 Sak J
- ★ Williams, R. To give and not to count the cost. In "Holy Living," p7-12. 248.4 Wil H
- ★ Meyers, R.R. Discipleship as obedience, not observance. In "Saving Jesus from the Church," p141-161. 230 Mey S

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; Barbara Wildemuth, piano

DEACON: Jill McArdle

GREETERS: Eve Nelson, Colleen Malley, Jordan Shell

READER: Ursula Wuerth

SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay

LIVESTREAM: Bill Siddall

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Elizabeth Stuckey

COFFEE HOST: Church Council

COVER ART: *Hagar in the Wilderness* by Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot, 1835.

LITURGY NOTES: Opening readings and prayers adapted from Cheryl Lindsay, UCC Worship Ways, After Pentecost, 3A June 21, 2026, <<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-3a-june-21/>>.

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

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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:
O rellene el formulario en línea:*



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A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Matt. 10:26-30; Luke 12:4-7

Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

Stanzas, in unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me

home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from

con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

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Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

know God watch-es me.
 know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm
 know God watch-es me.

hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap - py, I'm free,

eye is on the spar - row, and I know God watch-es me.

Civilla Martin, a native of Nova Scotia, assisted her husband in his evangelistic campaigns. Charles Gabriel was editor for Rodeheaver Publishing Company, Chicago, and one of the most popular gospel songwriters of the early 1900s.

I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry

Ps. 116:1-2

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1 I love my God, who heard my cry and pit-ied
2 I love my God, who heard my cry and chased my

ev-ery groan. Long as I live and trou-bles
grief a-way. O let my heart no more de-

rise, I'll has-ten to God's throne.
spair while I have breath to pray.

This African-American spiritual has become a popular setting for Isaac Watts' text. The harmonization by Richard Smallwood is an example of the contemporary gospel sound that he helped to pioneer with his singing group, "The Richard Smallwood Singers."

Tune: SMALLWOOD C.M.
African-American spiritual
Arr. Richard Smallwood, 1975

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Washington Gladden, 1879; alt.

1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
 win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

Washington Gladden was a Congregational minister, distinguished preacher and lecturer, and author of over thirty works. Gladden wrote extensively on civic and social affairs of his day. This hymn was penned in 1879 and published in his periodical, The Sunday Afternoon.

Tune: MARYTON L.M.
 H. Percy Smith, 1874