

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



A Declaration of Interdependence

I CORINTHIANS 12:14-15

INDEED, THE BODY DOES NOT
CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER, BUT OF
MANY. IF THE FOOT WOULD SAY,
“BECAUSE I AM NOT A HAND I DO
NOT BELONG TO THE BODY,”
THAT WOULD NOT MAKE IT ANY
LESS A PART OF THE BODY.



AUGUST 2, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

CELEBRATING THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO ASHEVILLE, NC

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Lord, Most Merciful (Panis Angelicus)

Cesar Franck

INTROIT

We Decided

Traditional, arr. The Gospel Harmonettes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We wonder together, “Who are we?”

We are athletes and artists.

We are musicians and mentors.

Who are we?

We are curious and questioning.

We are kind and confident.

Who are we?

We are serious, and we are silly.

We care deeply, and we laugh freely.

Who are we?

We are quietly hopeful.

We are uniquely ourselves.

Who are we?

We are all made in the image of God.

We are all God’s beloved children.

Come, God’s beloved children, let us worship the Lord.

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 388

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA

Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
God, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

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teach us as sis - ter bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in li - ving sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
10 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pre - sent, God, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
15 Bring us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spi - rit; God! Free us, make us one!

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

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Pew Bible page 538
Pew Bible page 933

A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

We, the youths of United Church of Chapel Hill, having experienced Asheville Youth Mission and what they do to help us see differently, now make the following declaration:

We have seen the unhoused find help, but not enough.

We have seen organizations try to provide for the unhoused and underprivileged, but who face challenges with funding or lack of support.

We have seen doors closed to people who are struggling.

We have seen substance use and addiction.

We have seen unmet mental and physical health needs.

We have seen pets in need.

We have seen organizations that offer help, but with a lot of restrictions.

We have seen hostile architecture, limiting access to public space.

We have seen people prioritize infrastructure for the upper class.

We have seen big corporations try to exploit smaller nonprofits.

We have seen costly barriers to public services like transportation.

We have seen wealth inequality in all directions.

But we believe that everyone belongs. Everyone is equal and welcome.

We look for the image of God in everyone,

including in people who have been overlooked or made past mistakes.

We believe in safe spaces where everyone can communicate their needs and be heard.

We try to create relationships with other people, even if it makes us uncomfortable.

We believe in relationships above all else.

Even the little things we add to our community build stronger relationships.

We believe that we need to share what we have to give with the community

— including the stranger —

not just the people we know or who are like us.

We believe in harm reduction and meeting the needs of people living with addictions.

We believe in caring for both physical and mental health needs.

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We believe people who don't look like us, walk like us, or talk like us still belong in our community. Everyone is human.

Because of these values, we challenge our church community to be open minded.

We challenge ourselves to lean into relationships where we feel discomfort, listen without judgment, and create space for stories.

We challenge ourselves to provide regular free meals for the community, like our friends at Haywood Street.

We invite our community to learn about what's happening next door at the IFC homeless shelter. We want to lean into abundance to help folks have whatever they need there.

We challenge our community to advocate for more accessible transportation options in Chapel Hill.

We challenge our community to donate clothes, pass out popsicles, build a garden, and find other ways to support our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty.

We want to dream of long term projects for the youth group to lead and serve.

We challenge ourselves to see the interconnectedness of issues in our society, from homelessness to climate change and beyond.

We challenge ourselves to need each other, not just trusting our own ability to do it all.

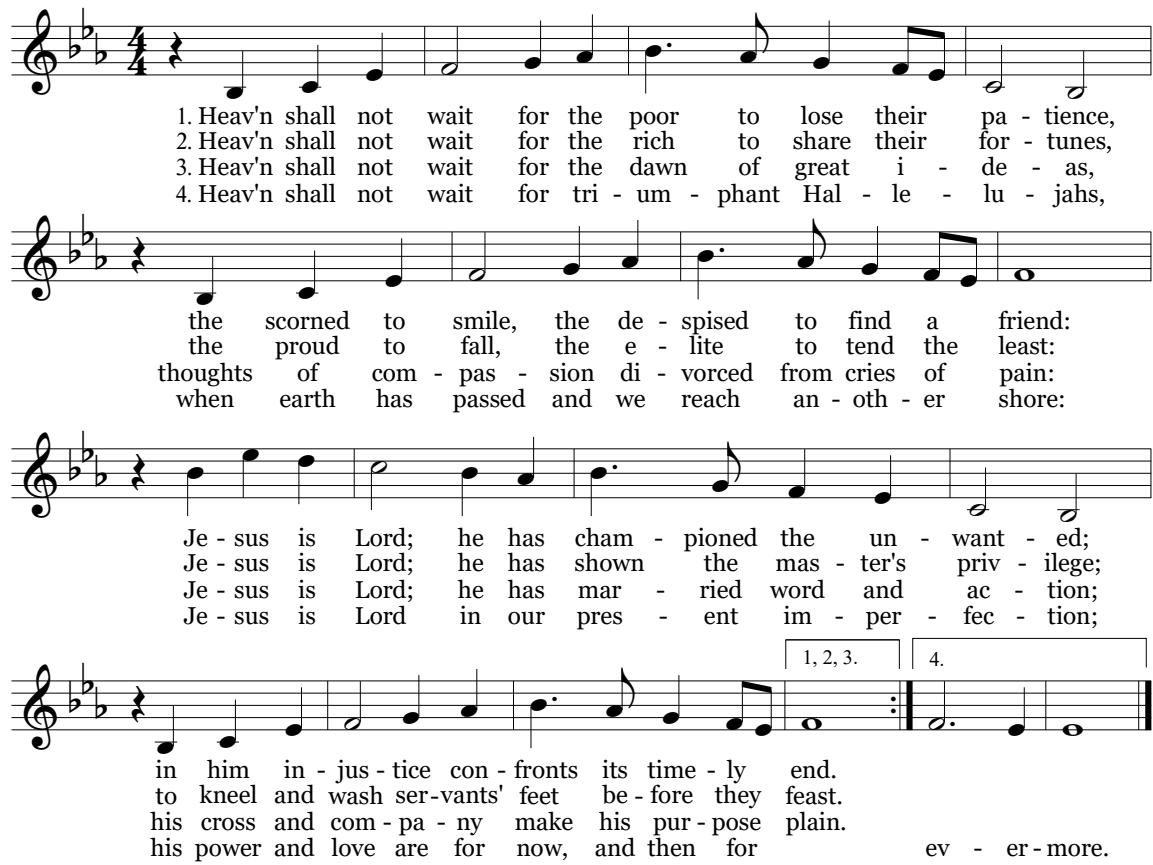
Written on July 30, 2026.

Youth: Nicco Bolognesi, Claire Gallemore, Adela Gray, Kiran Jaitakper, Naomi Joiner, Burke Nieman, Jack Tanner, and Lyra Thayer

Adults: Karen Setty, Andrea Tanner, Jackson Ringley, and Cameron Barr.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Heaven Shall Not Wait



1. Heav'n shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa - tience,
2. Heav'n shall not wait for the rich to share their for - tunes,
3. Heav'n shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
4. Heav'n shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

the scorned to smile, the de - spised to find a friend:
the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege;
Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly end.
to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they feast.
his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose plain.
his power and love are for now, and then for ev - er - more.

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM

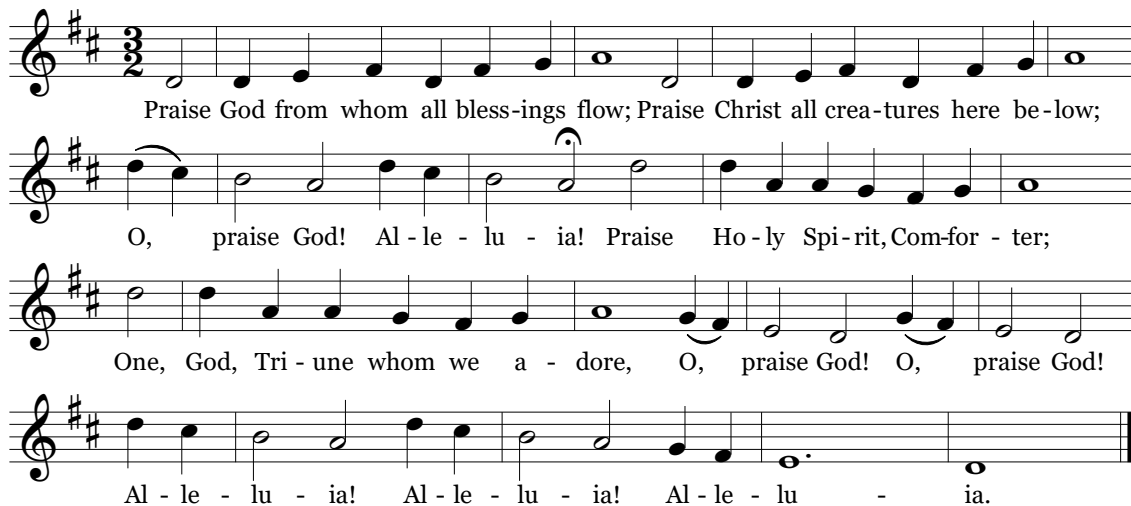
Surround Me

Trenton Wegler

Program note: Today’s readings remind us that we are not meant to face life’s hardships and joys alone, but as many members of the body of Christ. This folk anthem features the recurring line, “Oh, that my love will surround me,” imagining the kind of community described in scripture—with a steadfast presence that remains in every season.

*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 MUSIC

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

♩ = 110

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christ - ian love;
2. Be - - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - - dent prayers;
3. We share each o - ther's woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - - ward pain;
5. This glor - ious hope re - vives Our cou - rage by the way;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each o - - ther flows The sym - pa - thi - zing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain.
While each in ex - pec - ta - tion lives, And longs to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

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 539

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

SERVANT SONG

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a simple, hymn-like melody with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 corresponding to the verses. The score includes a repeat sign for the first stanza and a note to repeat the first stanza.

*BENEDICTION

Whose child are you?

God's child!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

A. Showalter,

arr. P. Johnston/J. Mitchell

GRATITUDE CORNER

We are grateful for the presence of our church family in all the seasons of life. We started off the year with Logan's knee replacement surgery, and you lifted us up in prayers and words of encouragement. In March, Logan's mom began declining and you extended friendship to all of us, visited her and listened with caring hearts. In April, my sister had cancer surgery, and you sent numerous cards, donated to her GoFundMe, and prayed without ceasing. In May, as Sara neared the end of her journey, you visited, sat with us, and prayed and listened some more. In June, Sara passed, you brought food, sent cards and listened knowingly. Then you helped celebrate our awesome graduate on Senior Sunday, sent cards and gifts of celebration and joined us in our joy at Charlie's accomplishments! Finally, but certainly not least, you surrounded us as we held her service here in our church home, attending her service, creating space for her reception, and loving on us with every greeting, hug, washed dish and tablecloth. For all the care, love, support and gifts of presence, we are so grateful for this our church family. —Lori, Logan and Charlie Carter

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.

WELCOME!

If you are new to United Church, we are so glad you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Table to fill out a contact card and take a gift bag with more information about our congregation. We also invite you to introduce yourself to a pastor and join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments following worship.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

UCCH has a response plan in place for health/safety emergencies or other unexpected situations. If you would like more details please contact a Deacon or Pastor.

HYMN SING AT CAROL WOODS TODAY

Sunday, August 2 | 4pm | Carol Woods Assembly Hall

Join us at Carol Woods this Sunday for a hymn sing led by Reyna Alston! UCCH members, friends, and Carol Woods residents are all invited to gather for an afternoon of singing beloved hymns together.

UCCH YOGA: AUGUST CLASSES

Join Melanie Joiner for an all-levels yoga class focused on building resilience and community on **Fridays, August 7, 21, and 28, at 9am in the Assembly Hall**. Questions? Contact Melanie at melanie.spence@gmail.com.

CANCELED: AUGUST 8 YOUTH & CHILDREN'S POOL PARTY

We are so sorry to share that we need to cancel our Youth and Children's Pool Party due to some uninvited bee guests who have taken over the pool area. We truly appreciate your understanding and apologize for any disappointment this may cause!

YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKOUT RSVP

All youth and their families are invited to join us for a cookout at the home of Senior Minister Cameron Barr. Food and drinks will be provided, with a summer menu of hamburgers and veggie burgers (please bring side dishes & desserts as you're able). RSVP here:



IN-HOME POTLUCKS: REGISTER NOW!

Our next In-Home Potlucks will take place **September 12 and 13!** These small gatherings offer an opportunity to share a meal, meet new people, and strengthen relationships within the UCCH community. You may register to host a gathering or attend as a guest. Registration closes August 24. Registration/interest form:



UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP & PROGRAMS

August 16: UCCH 101 at 9:15am (library)

August 23: Joint Worship - Celebration of Ministries & New Member Sunday

September 13: First day of Sunday School programs for children, youth, and adults

ZOMBIES! THE MUSICAL: AUDITIONS AUGUST 29

UCCH's upcoming junior musical is *Zombies! the Musical*, with performances on October 24 and 25, 2026. This lighthearted and funny musical has great hits, including *So You Wanna be a Zombie?*, *Zombie Lunch*, and *The Zombie Stomp*. Auditions are on August 29, and rehearsals begin on August 30. For children and youth up to 8th grade: Learn more & sign up now using the attached QR code!

★ Youth in grades 9 and above (plus adults) may participate in show tech and production.



THE UCCH LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM RETURNS FOR THE FALL

The Language Learning Program starts again on August 24, 2026. We will offer four classes this fall, each held from 6:30-8:00pm on weekdays:

- ★ Beginner English (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- ★ Intermediate English (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- ★ Beginner Spanish (Mondays)
- ★ Intermediate Spanish (Wednesdays)

Scan the attached QR code to register. If you have any questions, please contact Lew Nelson at toomanycds2@gmail.com or through WhatsApp at (919)448-1878. Thanks so much for supporting this mission of UCCH!

—Lew, Linda, and Toby



UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, 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! Over breakfast we'll explore spirituality, our church community and denomination, with time for questions and conversation. Visit "bit.ly/UCCH101" to RSVP.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SERVICE NOTES

MUSIC: Julie Mitchell, piano; The East Fork Quartet

DEACON: Leigh Gosnell

GREETER: Peter Barnes

SOUNDBOARD: Sonic AL

LIVESTREAM: Monty Bryant

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Hiawatha and Karen Demby in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

COFFEE HOST: Erica Tillman

COVER ART: *A Declaration of Interdependence* from Youth Mission Co | youthmissionco.org

LITURGY NOTES: The Call to Worship was written by Katelyn Gordon Cooke for Montreat Youth Conference 2026. The Declaration of Interdependence was written by Jack Tanner, Lyra Thayer, Adela Gray, Burke Nieman, Naomi Joiner, Nicco Bolognesi, Kiran Jaitakper, Claire Gallemore, Karen Setty, Andrea Tanner, Jackson Ringley, and Cameron Barr.

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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