

# UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



**AUGUST 9, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.**

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

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Compassion*

Catherine McMichael

**Program note:** *Compassion* is the third of a three-movement work Catherine McMichael has written for bass and alto flutes accompanied by either piano or orchestra. The other two movements are *Essence* and *Insight*. Together the three movements were inspired by an interview she heard with a Korean Buddhist monk. He shared that practicing Buddhism put him in touch with his essence, helped him gain insight, and charged him with practicing compassion in all things. —Terry Patrickis

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for God will always speak peace to her people.

**Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, that her glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Righteousness will go before her and will make a path for her steps.**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Most gracious and merciful God, help us to listen closely for your word among us. Speak to our hearts so that we may hear, and give us instruction for your righteousness and peace. Through Christ Jesus, 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 476

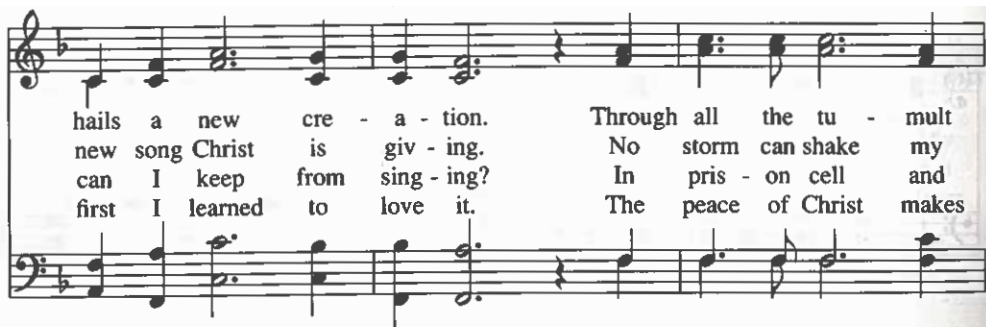
*My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing?)*

ENDLESS SONG

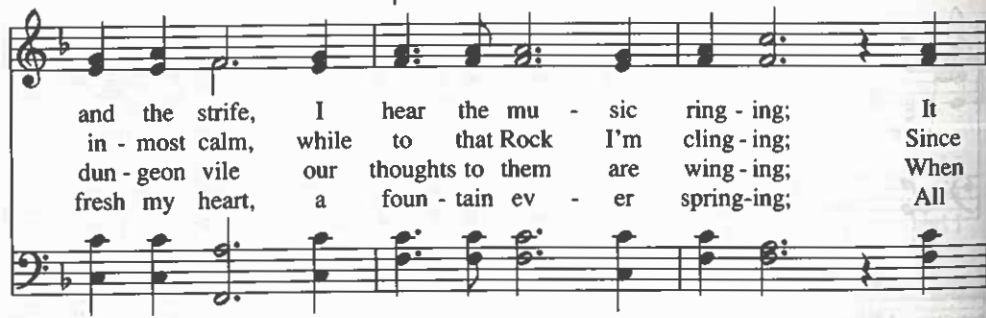
The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My Life Flows on in Endless Song'. It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are as follows:

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -  
ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

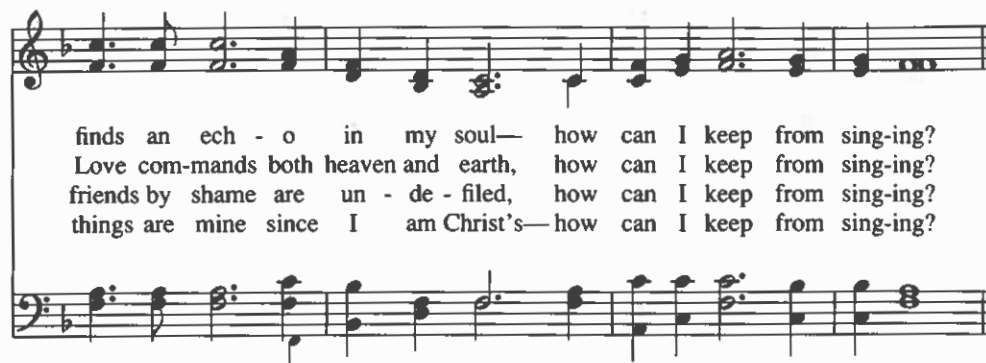
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hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes



and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing; All



finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing-ing?  
 Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?  
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing-ing?  
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing-ing?

## BAPTISM OF COLE EVANDER SIEBENS *(see insert)*

## 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

Pew Bible page 921  
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## SERMON

*Faith Enough*

Rev. Cameron Barr

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

## CALL TO SHARING

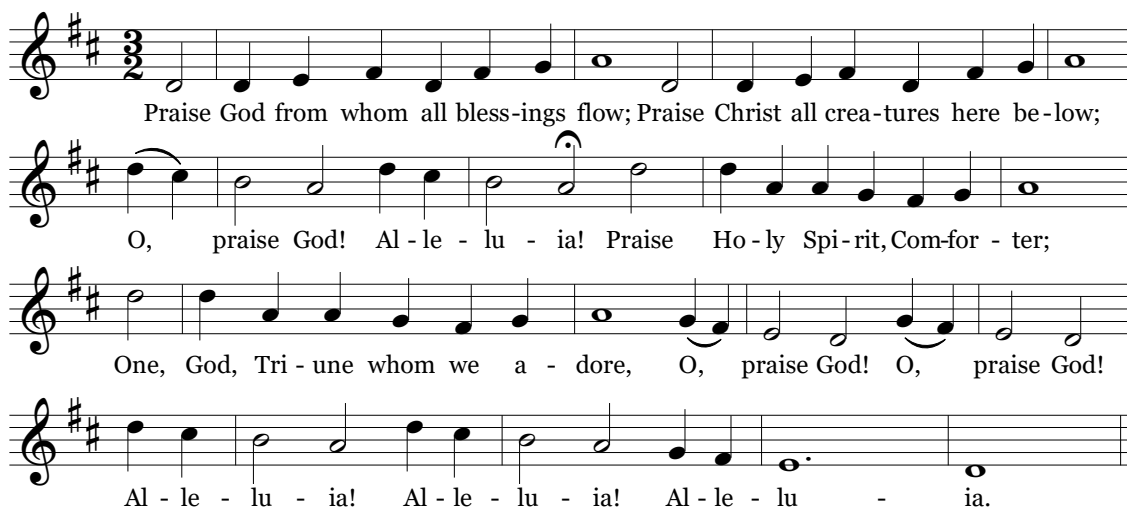
## ANTHEM

“Siciliana” and “Allegro” from *Sonata in F major*

G.F. Handel

## \*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

*Heaven Within*

Paul Halley

## 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 407

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "How Firm a Foundation". It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 2/2 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The lyrics are as follows:

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,  
by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

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What more can God say than to you has been said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

## \*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Impromptu, op. 90, no. 4*

Franz Schubert

### GRATITUDE CORNER

Vacation Bible School is always such a wonderful time filled with pure joy, beautiful holy moments, and amazing energy! It takes an incredible amount of love, planning, and creativity to bring it all to life, and I am so deeply grateful to every single one of our wonderful adult volunteers, youth leaders, and church staff who worked together to make this week so special for the kids.

I want to send an extra-warm, heartfelt thank you to Chip Baker and Tania Osborn. VBS simply wouldn't be the same without their amazing dedication! They pour their hearts into planning months in advance, thoughtfully designing every little detail with the children in mind. They are truly the most selfless, creative, and generous leaders, and we are so incredibly blessed to have them guiding our Children's Ministry. Chip and Tania are truly the heart and soul of this ministry, and I am endlessly grateful for the beautiful ways they share their time and energy with our community.

With much love and gratitude,  
 Anitra

**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 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.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ERNIE KRAYBILL

The congregation is invited to attend a memorial service in remembrance of Ernie Kraybill on **Saturday, August 15 at 2:00pm at Carolina Meadows Retirement Community** (100 Whippoorwill Lane, Chapel Hill, NC). The service will be held in the auditorium at the Club Center.

## UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

*NEXT 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](https://bit.ly/UCCH101)" to RSVP.

## YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKOUT

*Sunday, August 16 | 5:30-7:30pm*

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 (side dishes & desserts are welcome). RSVP here:



## WORSHIP @ ORANGE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Join us for a bilingual evening worship service and meal at Orange Correctional Center on **Sunday, September 13**. If you would like to attend, please contact Janet Flowers ([janetflowers@gmail.com](mailto:janetflowers@gmail.com)) by **August 16** to reserve your spot (out of 10 available). Maria Palmer will offer the meditation and provide Spanish interpretation. The residents sincerely appreciate this meaningful gesture of goodwill.

## YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIP

We are seeking a kind, energetic, and creative undergraduate or graduate student to support the social, emotional, and spiritual growth of middle and high school students at United Church of Chapel Hill. The intern helps prepare and lead youth group activities each week alongside the Youth Minister (Jackson Ringley).

**Apply by August 26.** Find details & the application form: [unitedchurch.org/careers/](https://unitedchurch.org/careers/)

## 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:



## UCCH LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM

The UCCH Language Learning Program starts again on August 24. As in the spring, the classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00pm. There will be a beginner and an intermediate class for both English (Monday and Wednesday) and Spanish (Beginner on Monday; Intermediate on Wednesday). Scan the attached QR code to register. If you have any questions, please contact Lew Nelson at [toomanycds2@gmail.com](mailto:toomanycds2@gmail.com) or through WhatsApp at (919)448-1878. Thanks so much for supporting this mission of UCCH!



## 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

- ★ Martin, J. Storms. In "Jesus: A Pilgrimage," p224-239. 232 Mar J
- ★ McLaren, B.D. Doubt as descent. In "Faith After Doubt," p59-73. 234 McL F
- ★ Bader-Saye, S. Putting fear in its place. In "Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear," p51-62. 248.4 Bad F
- ★ Heuertz, C.L., & Pohl, C.D. Reconnecting righteousness and justice through friendships. In "Friendship at the Margins," p47-67. 261.8 Heu F
- ★ Gaventa, B.R. Consider Abraham. In "When in Romans," p47-74. 227.6 Gal W

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:** Terry Patrickis, alto flute and C flute; Barbara Wildemuth, piano; Renee McBride, guest pianist

**DEACON:** Jean Anne Barnes

**GREETERS:** Peter Barnes, Bethany Gruesbeck

**SOUNDBOARD:** Ron Johnson

**LIVESTREAM:** Brian Moore

**COFFEE HOST:** Board of Trustees

**COVER ART:** *Walking on Water (Christ Saves the Sinking Peter)* by Alexander Ivanov, c.1855. Public domain.

## UNITED CHURCH STAFF

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Rev. Cameron Barr

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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.*

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

## BAPTISM OF COLE EVANDER SIEBENS

They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

**Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God.**

**Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.**

We are gathered to present Cole to the church and to dedicate this child to God. What can we affirm about this child?

**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 covenant with Creation, 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.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you affirm your faith in Jesus Christ, and seek to build a community where all people learn of God's faithful love?

*All who affirm their faith:* **We do.**

Trusting in the grace of God, do you renounce evil and its power in the world, and turn from sin that would disfigure God's good creation?

*All who affirm their faith:* **We put our faith in God's love and justice.**

Will you put your hope in the love of Christ Jesus and trust that life in Christ means that death is not defeat?

*All who affirm their faith:* **We put our hope in the Living God.**

Will you remember that God loves you as you are and that the humanity of Jesus welcomes your truth and authenticity?

*All who affirm their faith:* **We will remember God's love for us.**

Will you devote yourself to the community of the church, praising God in worship, serving your neighbors in compassionate ministries of care, and reaching out to touch the world with the love of Christ?

*All who affirm their faith:* **We will seek to love the world as God loves us.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May all who pass through these waters be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind them to the household of faith and guard them from all evil. Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new.

**Amen.**

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# SUMMARY OF THE LAW

How do we summarize the law and the prophets?

**We are called to love God with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. There is no greater law than this.**

## \*HYMN

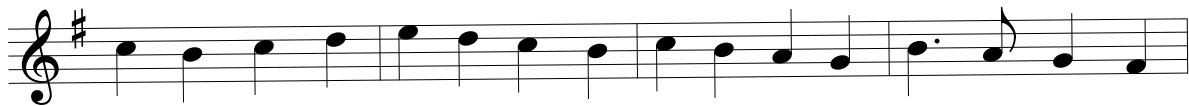
### *Welcome, Child of God*



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.



Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.



When the world feels wide a-round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,



we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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