

Gospel Worship

UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 8:45 A.M.

INVOCATION

THANKSGIVING

Enter His Gates

Rev. Timothy Wright

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5–13

NRSVUE

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

CALL TO SHARING

Negro Spirituals Royalties Project

NEGRO SPIRITUALS ROYALTIES PROJECT

In recognition of the African American composers and hymnwriters whose Negro Spirituals are in the public domain and who have never received royalties for these sacred songs that contribute so much to Christian worship, we invite you to support the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project.

All donations will be given directly to our 2026–2028 NSRP partner, **BUMP: The Triangle**, to support its mission of providing mentorship and multidisciplinary arts education to young creators through music, theater, movement, and visual art rooted in African-diasporic culture.

NSRP envelopes can be found at the deacons' stand, or donations can be made online at “on-realm.org/ucch/give/now” (select the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project fund).

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NEGRO SPIRITUALS
ROYALTIES PROJECT

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Trust in God

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,
Mitch Wong and Steven Furtick

BENEDICTION

GRATITUDE CORNER

A big shoutout and message of gratitude for our UCCH Library. We have an amazing collection in the library for children and adults. I want to give thanks and praise for our Librarian, Barbara Wildemuth. She keeps our library organized, leading a team of volunteers to staff the library each Sunday to assist you in finding materials and answering your questions about the library, and she has done this for many years! Barbara also pulls resources each week related to the weekly lectionary and these are published in the bulletin announcements each week. These items are found on a small wooden rack in the center of the library if you want to check them out. When we have a book sale, she and volunteers collect, organize and display the books for sale. I encourage you to visit the library any Sunday, and come say hi and thank you to the volunteer on duty. Thank you, library volunteers, and thank you, Barbara! —Kas Sielken

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.

SERVICE NOTES

MUSICIANS: United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir; Vera Bradley & Charles Bradshaw, Directors; Brad Kintner, bass; Minister Larry Duncan, drumset

MORE GOSPEL WORSHIP: Sundays at 8:45am - September 13; October 18; November 15; February 14; March 14; April 11; May 9.

COMMUNITY FORUM TODAY AT 9:15AM: ADDICTION

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the first Community Forum of the program year. Our own Dr. Patricia Schram, a board-certified addiction medicine physician, will lead a discussion about the neurobiology of addiction, the developing brain's vulnerability to substances, and how addictive substances affect the brain. Patricia spent more than 20 years working with teenagers and young adults at Boston Children's Hospital's Addiction Medicine clinic.

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