

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL FESTIVAL WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Negro Spiritual, arr. Julie Mitchell

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain;

be gracious to me according to your word.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

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 23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses provided.

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there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Where Children Belong

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.

Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

SERMON

Rev. Cameron Barr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM

Joyful Noise

Pepper Choplin

*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 HYMN 207

Just as I Am
(see insert) WOODWORTH

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

Bind Us Together, Lord BIND US TOGETHER

Refrain

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in F major. The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, with a 'Refrain' marking above the first measure and a 'F' chord symbol. The second system covers the second line, with 'C7' and 'F' chord symbols. The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,'. The score includes treble and bass staves with notes, rests, and bar lines.

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

(continued)

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
 2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing;
 You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain
 B^b/C

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude I from *The Well-Tempered Clavier*

Johann Sebastian Bach

GRATITUDE CORNER

Thank you so much to all the folks who came out to the church work day on Saturday, August 22! Volunteers were all over our building and grounds - working in the garden, cleaning out drains on the roof, steam cleaning chairs and cleaning tables in the Fellowship Hall, power washing UCP and nursery items, organizing and purging in the kitchen, dusting in the library, organizing in the archives, setting up tables and displays for Celebration of Ministries, preparing Sunday School classrooms, and other activities. Thank you, thank you, thank you! This is what community looks like! —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.

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.

CHURCH 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

VIVALDI'S GLORIA: OPEN REHEARSALS

Wednesday, September 9 | 7-8pm in the Music Room
Singers from UCCH and the wider community are invited to join rehearsals of Vivaldi's *Gloria* in preparation for a joint concert by UCCH and University Presbyterian Church on October 25. Questions? Contact Reyna Alston (ralston@unitedchurch.org).

UCCH YOGA & PILATES: SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Join us for Friday morning yoga with Melanie Joiner and pilates-style classes led by Karen Setty! All levels welcome. **Fridays at 9am in the Assembly Hall:** Sept 11 - Yoga; Sept 18 - Chair Yoga; Sept 25 - Pilates. Questions? Contact Melanie at melanie.spence@gmail.com and Karen at karen.setty@gmail.com.

PROGRAMS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:45am: Gospel Worship with UVoP (Breezeway)

9:15am: Faith Formation hour (Sunday School, Faith & Family, Spiritual Growth class, Community Forum)

10:30am: La Mesa & Festival Worship

After worship: Coffee hour (Fellowship Hall) & flu shot clinic (office lobby)

COMMUNITY FORUM

Join us on **Sunday, September 13, from 9:15-10:15am in the Fellowship Hall** for our first Community Forum of the program year. Our own Dr. Patricia Schram, a board-certified addiction medicine physician, will explore 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. Note: There will be no Community Forum before worship on Sunday, September 20.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Walgreens will provide flu vaccines to anyone who would like to receive one **after worship on Sunday, September 13 (in the office lobby)**. The vaccine is available to anyone age 3 and older. Insurance is NOT required. If you do have health insurance, please have your card available that day. It is not necessary to sign up in advance, but it would help to gauge interest beforehand, so please complete this form if you'd like to get a flu shot on September 13:



LFP NAMING & DEDICATION CEREMONY

The name chosen by vote for our Little Free Pantry is *Our Daily Bread Box*. **Following worship next Sunday, September 13**, we will process out to *Our Daily Bread Box* for a dedication ceremony, offering thanksgiving and a blessing for this outreach to others. As always, donations of shelf-stable items that are not packaged in glass are appreciated (especially individual snacks, toiletries, and packets of disposable utensils). Donations can be left in the pantry itself or in the designated basket by the narthex.

30 YEARS OF SPANISH LANGUAGE MINISTRIES

Save the date now for an all-church event on **Sunday, September 20**. We will gather **following the 10:30am Joint worship service** to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Spanish-language ministries at UCCH. Bring a dish to share at the pot-luck lunch and enjoy learning about this important part of our history in a fun way! Childcare and translation will be provided.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Thurman, H. "Jesus and the Disinherited." 261.81 Thu J
 - ★ Gulley, P. If the church were Christian... Reconciliation would be valued over judgment. In *If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus*, p49-66. 261.1 Gul I
 - ★ McNeil, B.S. Repair the breach together. In "Empowered to Repair," p81-94. 261.81 McN E
 - ★ Wylen, S.M. Passover. In "Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism," p153-169. 296 Wyl S
- These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Linda Lambert, will be in the library immediately following today's service, to assist you in finding library materials.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SERVICE NOTES

MUSIC: Julie Mitchell, piano; Chancel Choir

DEACON: Jordan Shell

GREETERS: Nancy Pipes, Peter Barnes

SOUNDBOARD: Sonic AL

LIVESTREAM: Monty Bryant

COFFEE HOST: Erica Tillman

COVER ART: *Passover in the Holy Family: Gathering Bitter Herbs* by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, 1856. Public domain.

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

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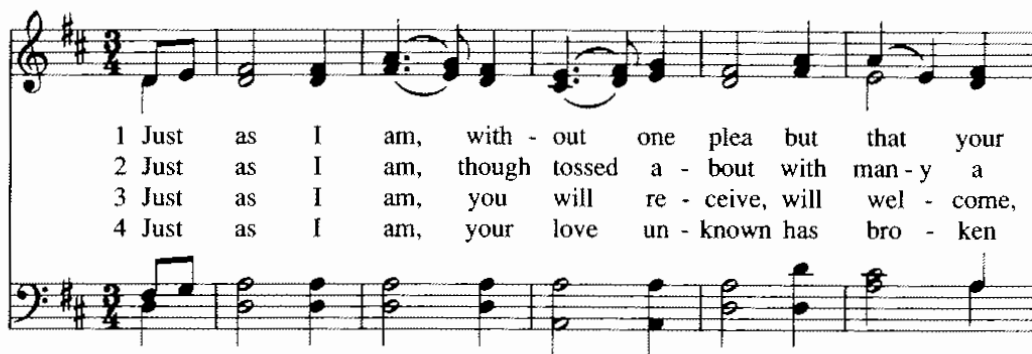
A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Just as I Am

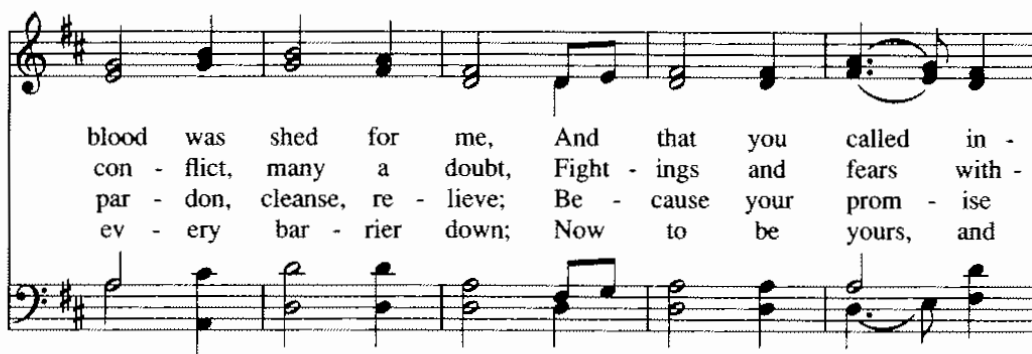
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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and



vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
 William B. Bradbury, 1849

During our joint worship service on Sunday, August 23, the following people joined the Covenant of Membership at United Church of Chapel Hill. Please extend a warm welcome to them and their families as they continue to connect with the life of the church.

Meet Our New Members

Tom Galey (he/him) and **Lee Ellis (he/him)** moved back to Fearington Village most recently from Southern Nevada/Arizona. Tom and Lee are retired however Tom continues to teach American Sign Language for Mohave College online. Lee enjoys doing various hobbies and keeping himself busy with his creativity while Tom enjoys tending to their outdoor potted flowers and spoiling their standard poodle. They used to attend UCCH when they lived here from 2009 to 2014. They were actively involved in the UCCH community and are looking forward to getting involved again.

Karen Setty (she/her), Fabio Bolognesi (he/him), Nicco (he/him), and Gemma (she/her) Residents of Chapel Hill since 2015, the Setty/Bolognesi family found UCCH in 2025. Karen is originally from Ohio, Fabio from Italy, and the kids were born in Southern California. Karen trained as a water researcher and leads the UCCH Stream Team, as well as volunteering with the IFC kitchen, card-making group, and ESL ministries. Fabio works in software development and coaches soccer. Nicco started high school this year. He enjoys computer gaming, 3D printing, ultimate frisbee, mountain biking, and fun facts about armadillos. Gemma recently started middle school and enjoys arts and crafts as well as the musical and junior choir at UCCH.

Raised on the beach and mountains of the Pacific NW, **Barb Turpin (she/her)** left a faculty position at Rutgers University and a small town in Central Jersey 11 years ago with her youngest daughter to start a new chapter at UNC and in Chapel Hill. Barb is a member of a biracial family, a retired athlete, and a scientist who thinks we live on an awesome planet and thus considers it her 'day job' to protect its atmosphere. She enjoys learning from her grown children, kayaking, hiking, teaching and voting. Barb started attending UCCH a year ago.

If you are interested in learning more about membership at UCCH, please contact one of the pastors. You are also invited to join upcoming "UCCH 101" sessions (three Sundays this fall/winter at 9:15am in the library - specific dates TBA) as we enjoy breakfast together and explore spirituality, our church community, and the United Church of Christ denomination through conversation and time for questions.