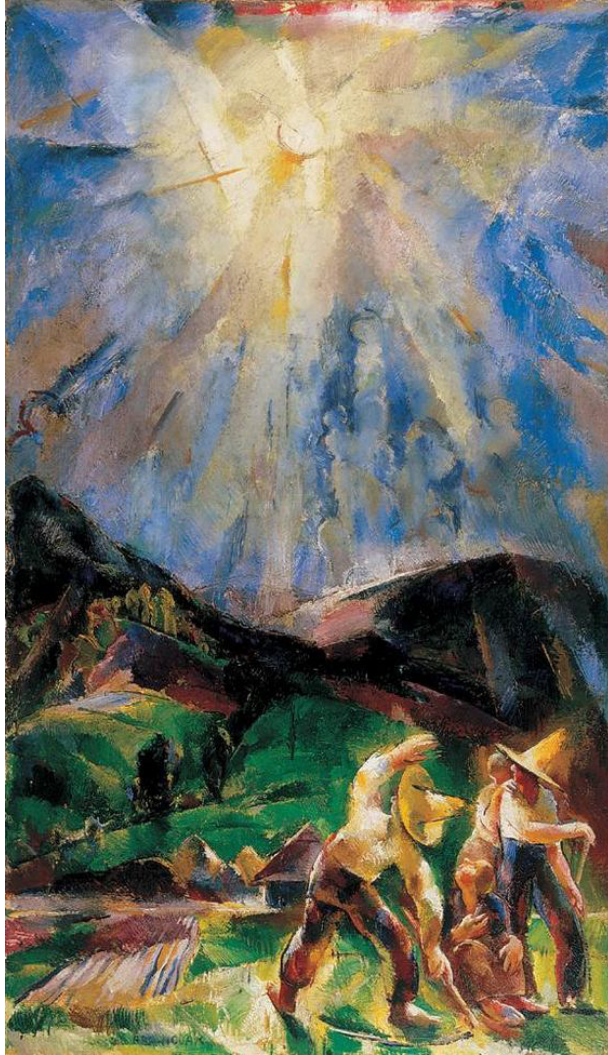


UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP



OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

I Love To Tell the Story

HANKEY

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the north, the cold winds blow. Even there, God's light warms us.

God, shine your light in the cold places.

In the south, the sun burns brightly. Even there, God's light brings peace.

God, shine your light in the overwhelming places.

In the east, the sun rises. The light of new days gives us hope.

God, shine your light on our new beginnings.

In the west, the sun sets. God's light gives us rest.

God, shine your light on what is yet to come.

Let us turn our hearts to God, who is the source of all light.

We come to worship you, O God, our light and guide.

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 12

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(see insert)*

ELLACOMBE

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 John 1:5-10

NRSVUE

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Psalm 139:1-18

NRSVUE

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

SERMON

Unlimited Love for Limited Beings

Jackson Ringley

*HYMN OF THE DAY

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
(see insert)*

GREEN TYLER

CALL TO SHARING

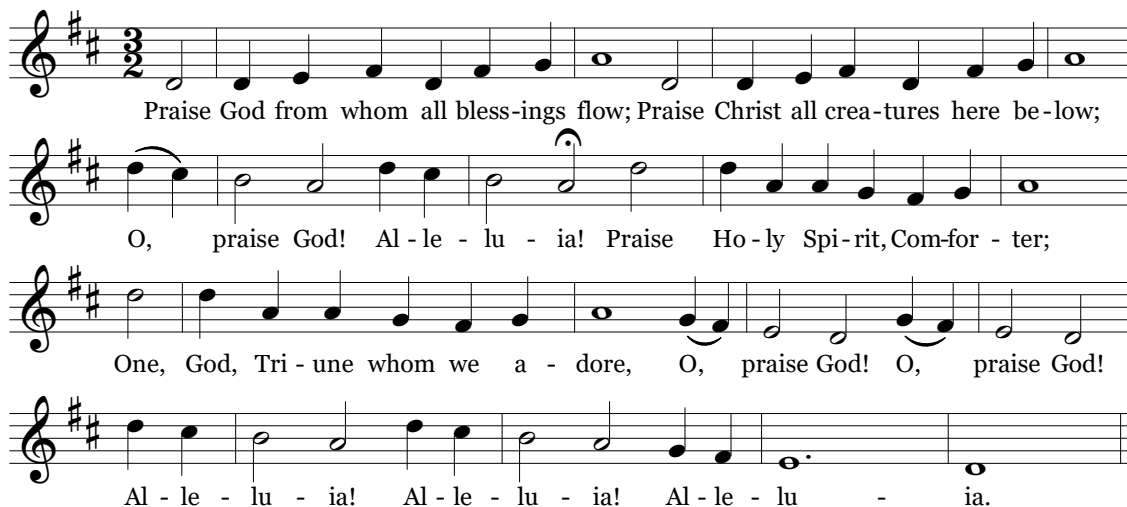
ANTHEM

Hymn Medley: Leaning into the Light

arr. Julie Mitchell

*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 HYMN 349

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

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 471**

What a Covenant

LEANING

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**Or, "fellowship"*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

No. 1, Petite Suite pour Piano seul

Claude Debussy

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 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.

IFC PROJECT 5000 ENDS TODAY

Stop by the narthex table and grab a shopping list of most-needed items and a bag to fill! Each bag will provide emergency food for a family of four for two days. Return filled bags to the narthex by October 11.

HEAVEN PRACTICE HOUSING LAUNCH

TODAY, October 11, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Mt Zion AME Church, 5124 NC-86, Hillsborough

Let's support this joint campaign with Justice United and Habitat for Humanity to make the dream of home ownership possible for households making as little as \$32,000. This will be a significant step toward our shared commitments to racial and economic justice for our neighbors.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY FORUM

Sundays at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

October 18 - Data Centers with Dan Vermeer: Dan Vermeer, a former UCCH member and Duke University professor, will present "Sacred Ground: AI Infrastructure, Local Communities, and the Future We Choose". He will explain what AI actually runs on, where and how it's being built, who bears the costs, and who gets a say.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS COMING UP

Sunday, October 18

- 8:45am Gospel Worship
- 10:30am Festival Worship returns to the Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Hymn Sing at Carol Woods

Sunday, October 25

- 9:15am UCCH 101 in the library
- 10:30am Joint worship: *Zombies! The Musical*
- After worship: Stewardship & Budget forum in the Fellowship Hall
- 4:00pm Vivaldi's *Gloria* concert in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 1

- (Daylight Saving Time ends)
- 10:30am Joint Worship - All Saints' Day

UCCH YOGA & PILATES CLASSES

Join us for yoga with Melanie Joiner and pilates-style classes led by Karen Setty! All levels welcome. **Fridays at 9am in the Assembly Hall:** Oct 16 - chair yoga; Oct 23 - yoga. Questions? Contact Melanie at melanie.spence@gmail.com and Karen at karen.setty@gmail.com.

JOYAS DE JOY JEWELRY COLLECTION

Donate gently used jewelry and small accessories for the Alternative Gift Market! Proceeds support the Language Learning Ministry. Donations (clean and in good condition) may be placed in the marked box in the office lobby on Sundays or dropped off at the office Monday–Friday, 9:30am–5pm. Deadline: November 8. Contact Linda Soto (linsoto@gmail.com) with questions.

UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, October 25 at 9:15am in the library

Sunday, Nov. 22: Membership Day - meet at 9:30 in the library for celebration breakfast & preparing to join

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 us for UCCH 101 meetings leading up to membership day. Over breakfast, we'll explore spirituality, our church community and denomination, with plenty of 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

- Bauckham, R. The revelation of the divine presence. In "Who Is God? Key Moments of Biblical Revelation," p5-34. 231 Bau W
- Heuertz, P. Intimacy. In "Pilgrimage of a Soul: Contemplative Spirituality for the Active Life," p147-165. 248.4 Heu P
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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, piano

DEACON: Bill Benjey

GREETER: Peter Barnes

READER: Peter Schay

SOUNDBOARD: Toby McCoy

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

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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

*HYMN OF PRAISE 12

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Descant

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

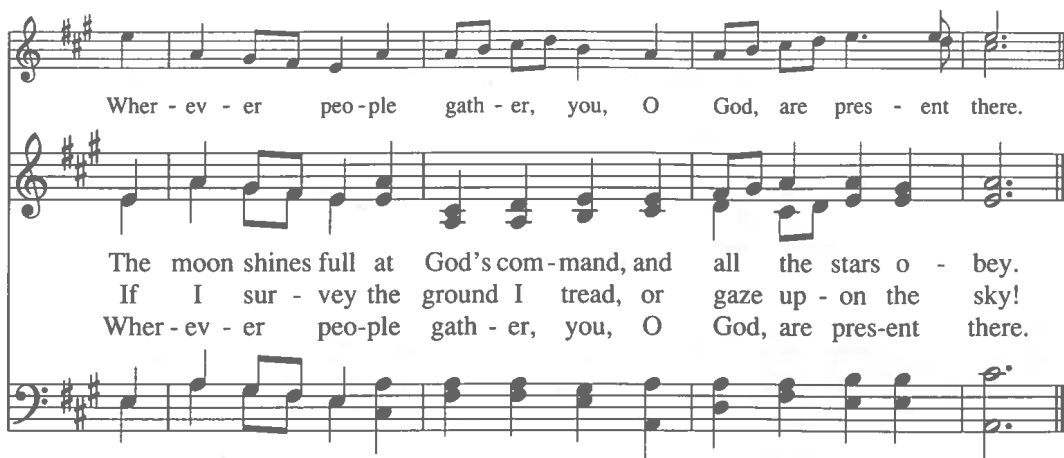
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

(continued)



Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER



C Dm7 G C Dm7

- 1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
- 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
- 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
- 4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
- 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



D7 G Am F G Am

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph-ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



F C G Am F C G C

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.