

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP



OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Premier et Deuxième Couplets du Kyrie

François Couperin

Program note: Today's voluntaries are from *Messe Pour Les Couvents*, an organ mass written in 1690 by François Couperin, when he was only 21 years old. This work is widely considered among the best of late baroque French liturgical music.

CHORAL INTROIT

How Can I Keep From Singing

Quaker Song, arr. Ginger Littleton

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD; bless her name; tell of her salvation from day to day.

Declare her glory among the nations, her marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; she is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before her; strength and beauty are in her sanctuary.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he is coming, for she is coming to judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Most Gracious and Loving God, thank you for the blessing of a beautiful home in which to worship, for the careful stewardship of a generous and faithful community, and for the patient, watchful attention of so many who care for our church family. Recent weeks of worship in different spaces have taught us to be flexible and creative. We are grateful for the fresh ways in which we have encountered you and our neighbors. As we return to worship in our home, grant that we may remember your presence with us in our displacement; that our experience may make us better neighbors to one another, that we may grow earnest in greeting strangers as friends, and that we may encounter new challenges with courage and grace. 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.

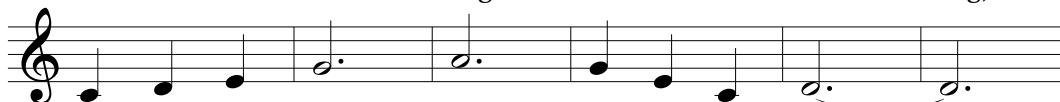
*HYMN OF PRAISE

Morning Has Broken

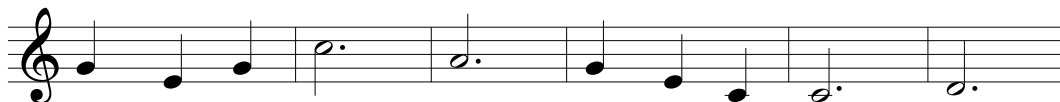
BUNESSAN



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken, like the first morn - ing.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



Black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the morn - ing,
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them spring - ing fresh from the word.
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.

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

Matthew 6:25-34

Psalm 55:20-23

Pew Bible page 787

Pew Bible page 454

SERMON

Enough Trouble for Today

Rev. Cameron Barr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO SHARING

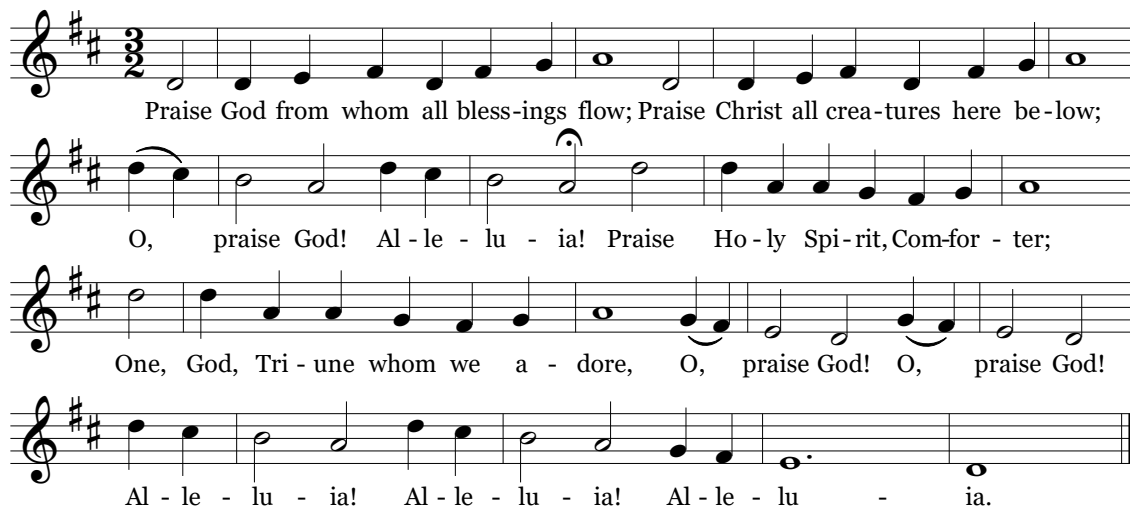
ANTHEM

Halle, Hallelujah

Traditional Caribbean tune, arr. John Michniewicz

*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

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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 410

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

NEUMARK

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Dialogue et Dernier Couplet d'Agnus Dei

François Couperin

ZOMBIES



THE MUSICAL

NEXT SUNDAY: ZOMBIES! THE MUSICAL

Join us for “Zombies! The Musical,” a funny, family-friendly story about Hunter, who dreams of a school full of zombies and learns lessons about bullying, friendship, and belonging.

This junior musical, led by and featuring the youth and children of UCCH, will be part of our 10:30am joint worship service on October 25. Spanish and ASL translation/interpretation will be provided.

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2027 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

In Christ We Are One: *Woven Together by Love*



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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.

HYMN SING AT CAROL WOODS TODAY

October 18 at 4:00pm | Carol Woods Social Lounge

Join us at Carol Woods for hymn sings led by Reyna Alston! UCCH members, friends, and Carol Woods residents are all invited to gather for an afternoon of singing beloved hymns together. **Sundays at 4:00pm: October 18; November 22; February 7; April 4.** Please contact Janet Flowers with any questions: 919-918-3436

COMMUNITY FORUM & BUDGET/STEWARDSHIP

NEXT SUNDAY October 25 in the Fellowship Hall

At 9:15am, Dr. Mark Perlmutter, an orthopedic surgeon who has volunteered in Gaza, will discuss efforts to recover the body of Dr. Adnan Al-Bursh, a prominent Palestinian orthopedic surgeon who died in Israeli custody. Rev. Mark Davidson will moderate.

Following the 10:30am joint service, join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn about next year's proposed budget and share your thoughts. We'll discuss how UCCH can continue investing in our staff, music program, youth ministry, and multicultural community. We will vote on the budget the following Sunday (November 1).

SUNDAY PROGRAMS COMING UP

Sunday, October 25

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

Sunday, November 1

- (Daylight Saving Time ends)
- 10:30am Joint Worship - All Saints' Day
- Congregational Budget Meeting after worship

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 23 - yoga; Oct 30 - TWD Pilates. Questions? Contact Melanie at melanie.spence@gmail.com and Karen at karen.setty@gmail.com.

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.

PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

Friday, November 20, 2026 | 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Save the date! This concert by SONAM (sonamchorus.org/) benefits our Peacemaking Scholarship program. Free admission/freewill offering.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! AGM BAKE SALE

The Alternative Gift Market bake sale, supporting the UCCH Food Security Team, welcomes donations of cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, and other baked goods. The Bake Sale will be open on both days of the market this year (**November 21 and 22**). We'll need your help keeping the booth stocked with homemade treats!

Fill out the signup form (scan QR code) to let us know what you'll bring, or contact Kitty Dalton (mjddalton@mindspring.com).



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

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

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- Gushee, D.P. God vs. mammon. In "The Moral Teachings of Jesus," p138-142. 248.4 Gus M
- Wilson-Hartgrove, J. Hungry for more. In "God's Economy: Redefining the Health & Wealth Gospel," p31-51. 261.85 Wil G
- Smith, J.B. Learning to live without avarice. In "The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ," p153-170. 248.4 Smi G
- McKnight, S. Committed.Life. In "One.Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow," p109-119. 248.4 McK O

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Don Arbuckle, 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, organ; Junior choir, Elizabeth Brown, director; Barbara Wildemuth, piano

DEACON: Leigh Gosnell

GREETER: Ursula Wuerth

READER: Susan Denault

SOUNDBOARD: Peter Schay

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

COFFEE HOST: Care Connections Team

COVER ART: *American Turk's-cap lily (Lilium superbum)* (detail), Georg Dionysius Ehret, 1740s | V&A South Kensington

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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:
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