UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP



NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Veni Creator Spiritus* Antonio de Cabezon

CHORAL INTROIT *Shut De Do* Randy Stonehill

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather wondering
if grace is real and if hope can be trusted.
Here, we encounter old stories of tradition
and new stories of transformation.
We gather wondering
if unity is possible or if faith is in vain.
Here, we discover a community that comes together
and a Spirit that is always at work.
We gather longing to know
where we belong and who will claim us.
Here, we find a font full of water
and a God who speaks an extraordinary word:
"You are my beloved. With you, I am well pleased."

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 459** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
Your call upon our lives is clear: to love you and love one another.
But so often we get it wrong.
When we should celebrate abundance,
we see only scarcity.
When we should offer grace,
we seek retribution.
When we should share laughter,
we harbor grudges.
When we should practice peace,
we resort to violence.
This is not how you wish for us to live, O God,
and this is not how we wish to live, either.
Fix our hearts and return us to faithful ways, we pray.
(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Where Children Belong



SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 33:1–17 Pew Bible page 26
Romans 12:14–21 Pew Bible page 923

SERMON *Grace Upon Grace* Jackson Ringley

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *Bright Morning Stars* Appalachian spiritual

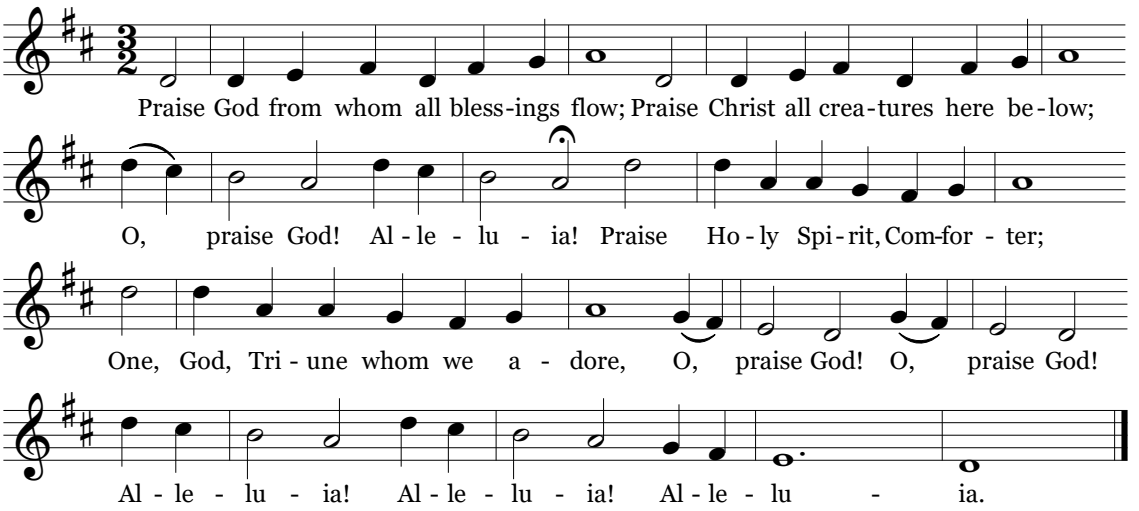
MOMENT FOR MISSION 2027 Generosity Campaign Amy Cutrell

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM *Sicut cervus* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God."

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN



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 cups may be left in the openings on the back of the pews.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Long Time Traveler Elder Edmund Dumas

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** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
(See insert)

***BENEDICTION**

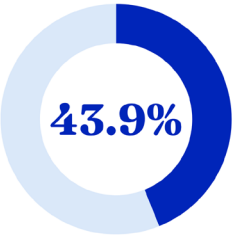
CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Voluntary IX* John Stanley

UNITED CHURCH of CHAPEL HILL
2027 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN
In Christ We Are One: *Woven Together by Love*

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For those who didn't receive a *Woven Together by Love* mailing, extra pledge cards and campaign packets are available at the welcome tables outside our worship spaces. Please return your pledge card by November 15.

Woven Together by Love
Campaign Progress



November 2, 2026
Pledges: **$417,110**
Goal: **$950,000**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 8, 2026

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'd like more details please contact a Deacon or Pastor.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15:
- **8:45am Gospel Worship**
- **10:30am Youth Sunday in Festival Worship** (youth will lead the service)
- **10:30am La Mesa**

Pledge Sunday: Stone Soup
(see Stone Soup insert for details)
- **Stone Soup Pantry-Filling:** As you arrive, drop off Little Free Pantry donations in the Narthex
- **Stone Soup Lunch:** Head to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a hearty soup lunch, Generosity Campaign announcements, and celebration!
- ***Helpers needed:*** After lunch, Larry Kroutil is leading a team decorating for the Alternative Gift Market. Contact Larry at larry.kroutil@frontier.com or 919-358-0628 with questions or to volunteer.

INTRODUCTION TO ASL
Sundays, Oct. 25-Nov. 15, 9:30-10am | Room 235
Join this four-session introduction to American Sign Language led by members of our church community! No prior experience is required, and all are welcome. Learn basic ASL communication skills, including questions, introductions, and simple conversations, while gaining insight into Deaf culture. A voluntary offering will be accepted to support the Language Learning Ministry.

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT
Join the Board of Adult Education on **Saturday, November 14, from 10am - noon,** for "Waiting for the Coming: A Reflective and Hands-on Experience Preparing for Advent." We will learn more about Advent and discover how to make room for it in the busyness of Christmas. There will be opportunities in this free short retreat for building community, discussion, and activities (both active and quiet) designed to set you on your Advent journey. **Please register by Wednesday, November 11, at 5pm.** To register, send an email with your name and phone number to the Board of Adult Ed at 2026adventretreat@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY FORUM NEWS
Sundays at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall
New: Watch recorded Community Forums on YouTube!
November 15 - *Why This Song, This Sunday?* Join Reyna Alston, UCCH's Minister of Music, to explore how hymns and anthems shape our worship experience. Through a behind-the-scenes look at our own services, we'll explore how melody, harmony and instrumentation work together to strengthen the meaning of poetry and scripture. Together, we'll consider how these choices bring the themes of worship to life.
November 22 - No Community Forum; Please visit the Alternative Gift Market! (Sun. hours: 10am-1pm)

UCCH 101 FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
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 time for questions and conversation.

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:** Nov. 13 - Yoga; Nov. 20 - Chair Yoga. Questions? Contact melanie.spence@gmail.com or karen.setty@gmail.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
- Finck, L. Esau/Jacob. In "Let There Be Light," p237-264. 220.9 Fin L
- Philpott, D. Reconciliation as a concept of justice. In "Just and Unjust Peace," p48-73. 172 Phi J
- McNeil, B.S. "Empowered to Repair: Becoming People Who Mend Broken Systems and Heal Our Communities." 261.81 McN E
- Keesmaat, S.C., & Walsh, B.J. The Pax Romana and the gospel of peace. In "Romans Disarmed," p277-320. 227.6 Kee R

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Linda Sellars, 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; East Fork; The Commas; Chancel Choir
DEACON: Jean Anne Barnes
GREETERS: Jill McArdle, Peter Barnes
READER: Jeff Hall
SOUNDBOARD: Ron Johnson
LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore
COFFEE HOST: Clair Jenne

COVER ART: *Return*, digital painting by Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org
LITURGY NOTES: The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by the Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

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.

Or complete the form online:
O rellene el formulario en línea:

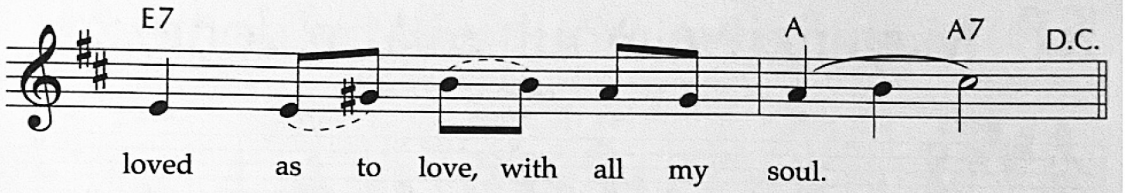
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A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

***HYMN OF BLESSING** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*





Optional descant, verse 4



SPANISH

1 Hazme un instrumento de tu paz, donde haya odio, lleve yo tu amor,
donde haya injuria, tu perdón, Señor, donde haya duda, fe en ti.

2 Hazme un instrumento de tu paz, que lleve tu esperanza por doquier,
donde haya oscuridad lleve tu luz, donde haya pena, tu gozo, Señor.

3 Maestro ayúdame a nunca buscar ser consolado si no consolar,
ser ententido sino entender, ser amado sino amar.

4 Hazme un instrumento de tu paz, es perdonando que nos das perdón,
es dando a todos que tú nos das, y muriendo es que volvemos a nacer.

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Alternative Gift Market

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21: 9AM-3PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: 10AM-1PM

Peacemaking Concert

SONAM
SINGERS OF NEW & ANCIENT MUSIC

FRIDAY
NOV. 20
7:30pm

Joyas de Joy



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.

Donation deadline: November 8.

Contact: Linda Soto (Linsoto@gmail.com)

AGM Bake Sale

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

The 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. We'll need your help keeping the booth stocked with homemade treats!

Fill out this signup form to let us know what you're planning to bring, or contact Kitty Dalton (mjdalton@mindspring.com).

UNITED CHURCH OF CHAPEL HILL
2026 Alternative Gift Market
POINSETTIA ORDERS



Red & white poinsettias will be sold in advance to be picked up at the Alternative Gift Market. Sales benefit the AGM. Place your order using the online form or a paper form on Sunday mornings.

Please order and pay by Sunday, November 15.

Contact: Jodi Flick (joflick@email.unc.edu).

November 15:
Stone Soup, Pledge Sunday



"Woven Together by Love"

Friends, we will gather on Pledge Sunday, November 15, to enjoy Stone Soup and celebrate our pledged offerings. In the past, we have brought ingredients to add to soup that has simmered all morning, and, after the service, shared a hearty lunch while awaiting the announcement of the total pledged amount.

This year, we want to do things a bit differently. The aroma of soup will be wafting through the halls the same as always, but the Stewardship Committee asks that, instead of bringing ingredients for the soup, we bring food to feed the community, enough to last beyond the day and perhaps even reach beyond our walls.

Please bring whatever you can to help us stock our two pantries to the brim. On November 15, bring items with you as you enter through the Narthex and place them on the waiting cart. You can also bring pantry items to the Fellowship Hall during our lunch. If you cannot join us on the 15th, feel free to bring donations ahead of time and leave them in the kitchen, labeled "Stone Soup."

Suggested Items for UCCH Daily Bread Box (outdoors)

**NO glass *No expired items *Shelf stable only*

- **Food and Beverage Items** (please separate into single serving size)
- **Individual packs or servings:** peanut butter or other crackers, Ramen noodles, Tuna or chicken snack pack (foil or can), cereal, pudding, Jello, fruit, or applesauce
- **Cans** (should have pop-top lids): Meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, etc.), soups or pasta like SpaghettiOs, evaporated milk, dry milk, or Almond milk.
- **Plastic Jars:** peanut butter, jelly, or PB&J, pasta sauce, etc.
- **Other:** Cereal, crackers, ready-to-eat rice, pasta, beans, tea, instant coffee, coffee creamer, small bottles of water, juice, juice boxes, plastic eating utensils.
- **Personal items:** Kleenex packs, deodorant, shampoo, soap, combs, wipes, feminine products, individually wrapped toilet paper rolls, socks, laundry pods, feminine hygiene products, combs, wipes.

Suggested Items for indoor pantry (Fellowship Hall) and IFC

The same items listed above are welcome, along with:

- **Fresh produce:** Potatoes, carrots, and onions.
- **Additional pantry staples:** Pasta and other sauces, canned vegetables, and beans.

These items do not <u>need</u> to be single servings or pop-tops, but pop-tops are convenient for all.