



September 19, 2021 ♦ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ♦ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Welcome to University United Methodist Church

*At University UMC*, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.



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## GATHERING

### Words of Welcome

#### Prelude

Improvisation (9 a.m.)

“Days of Elijah”  
UNC Voices of Praise (11 a.m.)

Donnie McClurkin

#### \*Call to Worship

*Responsively*

Who will be your people?

**God’s people will be my people.**

Where will you go?

**Wherever God leads.**

What are you willing to leave behind?

**Everything.**

May our worship today lead us to a place where all of this may be so.

**Let us worship the Lord.**

#### \*Hymn 158

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!**

**loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;**

**praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend;**

**his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!**

**On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,**

**singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

#### \*Opening Prayer

*In Unison*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gifts of biological, adoptive, and spiritual family. Thank you for the people in our lives who support and encourage us. Help us as we seek to know you and your ways. Guide us to love your people and to journey with them, as we all grow closer to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION

#### Prayer for Illumination

*In Unison*

O Lord, you are our God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us through your Word to follow after you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

“Ruth”

The Rev. Justin Coleman

## RESPONSE

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*In Unison*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*Responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray . . .  
*The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."*

### The Lord's Prayer

*In Unison*

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Generosity Moment

God is Good. **All the time.**  
And all the time. **God is Good.**

*Responsively*

*You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through [UniversityUMC.church](http://UniversityUMC.church).*

**Solo** (9 a.m.)

"Song of Ruth"  
*Soloist ~ Florence Peacock*

Charles Gounod

**Anthem** (11 a.m.)

"I Shall Wear a Crown"  
UNC Voices of Praise

Saint Mark Sanctuary Choir

## SENDING FORTH

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to please come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.*

**\*Hymn 111**

“How Can We Name a Love”

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,  
in-dwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
Within our daily world, in every human face,  
Love’s echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner’s will is better understood,  
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Prelude and Fugue in C Major”

Deitrich Buxtehude

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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## Ministerial Staff & Those Serving Today

Senior Pastor ..... The Reverend Justin Coleman  
Executive Pastor of Outreach & Operations...The Reverend Dr. Creighton Alexander  
Pastor of Discipleship & Nurture.....The Reverend Tobi Nguyen  
Pastor of Kindred Church.....The Reverend Daniel Childs  
Youth Minister.....The Reverend Charlie Baber  
Director of the Ministry of Music ..... Tim Baker  
Director of Children and Family Ministries.....Rebecca Dyck  
Minister of Administration.....Michael Saunders  
UNC Wesley Campus Minister.....The Reverend Ryan Spurrier  
Lector ..... Taylor Hambrick  
Audio Visual .....Anna Cobb, Davis Brown, Chris Cooper, Molly Cobb  
Soloist.....Florence Peacock  
Generosity Moment..... Jamirious Mooney

### Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and by the church staff in deep appreciation for the ministry of our lay leadership who faithfully serve our church family and local community.

