



April 28, 2024 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.*



*Living into Radical Kinship through Loving God, Serving Others and
Building Christian Community*

150 EAST FRANKLIN STREET • CHAPEL HILL, NC 27514

WWW.UNIVERSITYUMC.CHURCH

919-929-7191

GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our pew pad or [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude “Thy Word Is a Lamp” Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith
arr. by Andrew Berinson

*Call to Worship *Responsively*

Holy God, we have left our homes and warm beds to be in your presence.

We gather in your name to worship and praise you.

May this first day of the week . . .

be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you.

*Hymn 131 “We Gather Together”

**We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

*Opening Prayer *In Unison*

God of grace & glory, may our faith not only be in our words, but in our lives, not in what we say, but in what we do; passing on your love like the salt that blesses, like a city on a hill, like a lamp on a stand, light for life, your light for the world. Amen

Anthem “Slow Me Down” K. Bluett, L. A. Jordan,
M. Kaemingk, S. McCracken, W. Kimbrough
CCLI License #7212840

PROCLAMATION

*Prayer for Illumination *In Unison*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-16 (NT, p. 1173)
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Showing Up Matters” The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

*Hymn 723

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Confirmation and Reception of New Members

Hymnal p. 33

Candidate for Baptism: Henry Edward Parnell

Candidate for Confirmation: Jackson Bryan Gerding

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.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

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

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

Generosity Moment: *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.*

Offertory

“Come to the Water”
Chancel Choir

John B. Foley, Jack Schrader

*Doxology

Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 75

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why! the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*Benediction

*Postlude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Samuel J. Stone,
Samuel Sebastian Wesley
arr. by Andrew Berinson

**Please stand if you are able.*

MINISTERIAL STAFF & THOSE SERVING TODAY

Senior Pastor	The Reverend Justin Coleman
Executive Pastor.....	The Reverend Jamison Doehring
Pastor of Outreach.....	The Reverend Lindsay Ballance Collins
Pastor to Kindred Church.....	The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults	The Reverend Denise Waters
Youth Minister	The Reverend Charlie Baber
Interim Director of the Ministry of Music.....	Ti Berinson
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Rebecca Dyck
Lead Keyboardist	Andrew Berinson
UNC Wesley Campus Minister	The Reverend Ryan Spurrier
Audio Visual	Chris Cooper, Graham Gerding, Sean Pomykal
Lector	Beth Alexander
Generosity Moment.....	Rebecca Dyck

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marguerite and Numa Thomas by David Thomas and Melinda Beck.

The rose and cradle cross on the altar are in honor of Greyson James Harriett, born February 27 to Jennifer and Tyler Harriett and big siblings Palmer and Brooks, and to grandmother Nan Williams.

Project 5000 is back!

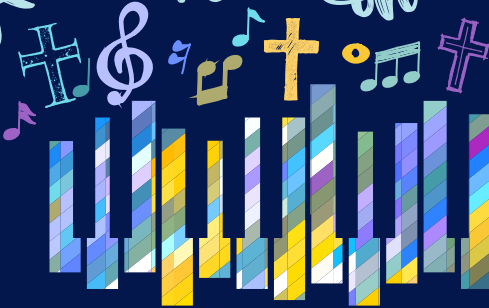


Visit universityumc.church for more information.

The University UMC Your Choir Presents

A Sacred Concert

By Duke Ellington



A sacred concert featuring the music of Duke Ellington on the 50th anniversary of his death.

May 24 at 7:30. PM, University UMC Sanctuary

Visit universityumc.church for more information about upcoming events!