



UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST C H U R C H

June 15, 2025 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Trinity Sunday

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

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Annie Hawks, Robert Lowry

*Call to Worship

Responsively

What can the Church be? A table where all are welcome.

What can the Church be?

A place of communal invitation, healing, and truth-telling.

You are invited—we are invited.

Let us be the Church and worship God together.

*Hymn 2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

from The Faith We Sing

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Ever-expanding God, you welcome us all to your table, just as we are.
May this church be a place of invitation, belonging, and love. As we
worship together, shape us into a people who reflect your radically
inclusive invitation. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Hymn 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

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

Luke 14:11-15

(NT, p. 1270)

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

Sermon

“What Can Church Be?”

The Rev. Asya Coles

RESPONSE

*Hymn 349

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (*sung twice*)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

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.”

Generosity Moment

Responsively

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

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

Presentation of Our Gifts and God’s Tithes: *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

“Welcome Table”
Soloist ~ Ti Berinson

African-American Spiritual

*Doxology, Hymnal, p. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invitation to the Table, Hymnal, p. 12

*Confession and Pardon

Responsively

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal p. 17**

Responsively

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

***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.

***The Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup**

The Giving

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

In the United Methodist tradition, the Table is open to all who desire the Sacrament, including children. If you wish to celebrate communion by intinction, dip the bread into the cup so as to receive both elements together. After you receive the elements, you are invited to respond, "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." You may stand or kneel at the chancel rail in prayer as long as you wish. We invite you to consider leaving an offering to support neighbors in need. We use bread from Wegmans and Welch's grape juice. [Visit our website for allergen information.](#)



Gluten-free wafers and a dedicated chalice are available upon request at the station just left of the center aisle. Wafers are free of gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn.

Communion Music

Meditation on BEACH SPRING

B. F. White

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ or 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 601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation

How to Participate:

We are all held by this liturgy, together as one community.

*You may speak the words in **bold**, if speaking is available to you.*

You may sing the words of the hymns, if singing is available to you.

When you see an asterisk (), you may stand, if standing is available to you.*

Clergy & Ministers

Ministers.....	All the People of University United Methodist Church
Senior Pastor	The Reverend Justin Coleman
Executive Pastor.....	The Reverend Jamison Doebling
Pastor of Outreach	The Reverend Asya Coles
Pastor of Kindred Church.....	The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults	The Reverend Denise Waters
Pastor to Youth.....	The Reverend Charlie Baber
Pastoral Intern.....	Daniel Phebus
Director of the Ministry of Music	Ti Berinson
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Rebecca Dyck
Organist and Pianist.....	Andrew Berinson
UNC Wesley Campus Minister	The Reverend Ryan Spurrier
Lector	Audrey Fitch
Generosity Moment.....	Annual Conference

Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 57th wedding anniversary of Caroline and Chris Martens.

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