



UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST C H U R C H

May 31, 2026 ♦ 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

“House of Prayer”

Andrew Berinson

*Call to Worship

Responsively

We gather to praise the Three-in-One God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Praise the God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

From the cradle of creation to the waters of our baptism, we gather to honor the mystery of God’s work in our world!

Praise the God of beginnings and endings and everything in between!

As the world rushes on, we pause to worship and reflect on our place in God’s great story.

Praise the God who works all things together for the good!

Come, friends. Come, family. Let our voices be one in worship.

Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

*Hymn 707

“Hymn of Promise”

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;

in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,

unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;

there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,

unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;

in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,

unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Speak a new creation into our troubled souls. Work all things together for good, as we experience your presence with us here and now, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalter

Psalm 8

UMH 743

Anthem

“My Lighthouse”
*The Reverend Charlie Baber
and U-Crew*

Chris Llewellyn
Gareth Gilkeson
CCLI# 7002032

We invite you to join us:

My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you

My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise you will carry me

Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

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.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-30

(NT, p. 1377)

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

(NT, p. 1214)

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

Sermon

“All Things Work Together For Good”

Aida DeSpirito, Vivienne Hemsey, William Snead

RESPONSE

*Hymn 64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*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 live with respect in Creation,
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

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

"Holy Spirit"
Soloists ~ Lynley Snead and Audrey Fitch

Bryan Torwalt
Katie Torwalt
CCLI# 6087919

*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 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 261

"Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came to me and the dance went on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life, that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*Benediction

Postlude

“Trumpet Fanfare II”

Paul Frey

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 Doehring
Pastor of Outreach	The Reverend Asya Coles
Pastor to Kindred Church.....	The Reverend Daniel Childs
Pastor to Senior Adults	The Reverend Denise C. Waters
Pastor to Youth.....	The Reverend Charlie Baber
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
Lectors.....	High School Graduates
Generosity Moment.....	High School Graduates

Blessing and Commissioning of Graduates

We celebrate our graduating High School seniors today and pray that God's grace will continue to surprise them with joy and strength for the journey ahead!

*Soren Anderson, *Claire Arbuckle, *Paloma Bradley, *Eleanor Brown, Parker Capps, Alison Cooper, *Bella Corral, Aida DeSpirito, Dorn Fitch, Virginia Fitch, Charlotte Hallquist, Will Hardin, Vivienne Hemsey, *Marissa Lassiter, *Alexander Min, Davis Nichols, Fiona Pomykal, *Sofia Schilo, Allison Scott, Eliza Scott, Minerva Shoffner, Sienna Smith, William Snead, *Gianluca Vavalle, Ellene Warner, *Jay Weaver, *Eli Woods.*

**Unable to be present today*

Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Cate Matthews and Lane McDonald on Saturday, May 30, by Leigh, Byron and Ross Matthews.

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