



October 18, 2026 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Twenty-first 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

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

“Gift of Love”

Hal H. Hopson

Organ ~ Andrew Berinson, Piano ~ James Rice

Arr. Joel Raney

*Call to Worship

Responsively

Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies through a new and living way that Christ opened for us, which is his body.

Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart

with the certainty that our faith gives us.

Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering,

because the One who made the promises is reliable.

*Hymn 2222

“The Servant Song”

from The Faith We Sing

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Sibling, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Lord, remind us that private spirituality is never a substitute for a lived communal reality. Help us embrace the sticky, messy, physically gathered worship of the local church. Bind us closely together as we allow ourselves to be transformed into your embodied community. 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.

Anthem

“Lux Beata Trinitas”

Ola Gjeilo

Chancel Choir, Oboe ~ Ernie Baker

Sung in Latin:

O Trinity, blessed light, and Unity, foremost in might,
now the fiery sun has withdrawn; pour your light into our hearts.

In the morning, with our song of praise,

and in the evening let us send up our prayer;

as suplicants we hymn your glory throughout all the ages.

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

Hebrews 10:19-25

(NT, p. 1464)

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

Sermon

“Embodied Community” The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

*Hymn 553

“And Are We Yet Alive”

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

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

“Pie Jesu”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Soloist ~ Ti Berinson

Sung in Latin:

Merciful Jesus,

*who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

Lamb of God,

*who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

Everlasting.

***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.

Hymn Sung During Communion

(Congregation invited to join)

Hymn 2179 "Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)" from *The Faith We Sing*

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 89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*Benediction

Postlude

"Andante"

Charles Burney

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 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
Duke Divinity School Intern	Daniel Phebus
Youth Intern	Hailey Salter
Lector	Terry Hamlet
Generosity Moment.....	Rooted

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.*

Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Vermilya by his wife, Anne. They married October 18, 1969, in Asheboro.

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