



October 25, 2026 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Twenty-second 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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Building Christian Community*

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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 “Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our Father in Heaven)” J.S. Bach
Cello ~ Brent Wissick

*Call to Worship

Responsively

(Adapted from Luke 10:25-29)

“Lord, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

We come today asking the same, seeking the path of true and everlasting life.

Jesus responds asking: “What is written in the Scriptures? How do you read it?”

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

And Jesus assures us today, as he did then:

“You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

*Hymn 431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Lord, open our eyes to those who lie hurting along our path. Softly break the barriers of our indifference, as you moved the Samaritan with compassion. Pour your healing oil and wine into our own broken places. Teach us not to cross over to the other side, but to draw near with mercy. Make us true neighbors in your name, ready to love without cost. Amen.

Anthem

“Dona Nobis Pacem”
Chancel Choir

Traditional
arr. by Julie Gaulke

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 10:25-37

(NT, p. 1263)

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

Sermon

“Inconvenient Love”

Daniel Phebus

RESPONSE

*Hymn 192

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

*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

"Agnus Dei" from *The Armed Mass*

Karl Jenkins

Chancel Choir

Cello ~ Brent Wissick

Sung in Latin:

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, grant us peace.

***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.

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 2241** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" *from The Faith We Sing*
The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

*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.*

ALL AGE EVENT!

TRUNK OR TREAT 3PM

TALENT SHOW 4:30PM

STUFF SWAP. (WHOLE TIME)

OCTOBER 25, 2026

For all children, by all of us!

Sign up to provide a decorated car trunk
and hand out candy to kids!

Sign up to showcase your talent! Talent
show proceeds benefit Youth Choir.



UUMC
**TALENT
SHOW**

Hosted by the Youth Choir

YEARS PAST HAVE FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY:

- Justin Coleman doing Johnny Cash
- Patricia Johnson as Ms. Hannigan
- John Westbrook doing Hamilton
- Youth Choir member performances
- Jokes, and more!

Contact TI Berinson to sign up.

**SUNDAY,
OCT 25
4:30 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME
TO PERFORM!**

Come perform or enjoy the show.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
THE YOUTH CHOIR.**

**TRUNK OR TREAT
AT 3:00 PM**



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 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
Duke Divinity School Intern	Daniel Phebus
Youth Intern	Hailey Salter
Lector	Christina Pomykal
Generosity Moment.....	Trunk or Treat and Talent Show

Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Marvin Cox, on his birthday, by Wendy Cox.

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