

UNIVERSITY



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Easter

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

COME INTO THE LORD'S PRESENCE from Psalm 25:4-6, KJV

Show me thy ways, O Lord;
teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me:
for thou art the God of my salvation;
on thee do I wait all the day.
Remember, O Lord,
thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness;
for they have been ever of old.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Thomas Arne
1710-1778

Introduction and Fugue
(from Concerto No. 1)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Worship Register and pass it on to your neighbor.

*OPENING SENTENCES

One: In the beginning
before time, before people,
before the world began,

All: GOD WAS.

One: Here and now
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven,

All: GOD IS.

One: In the future,
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfilment,

All: GOD WILL BE.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**All: GOD WAS.
GOD IS.
GOD WILL BE.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

**You call us to proclaim your Gospel
to the ends of the earth—
from Jerusalem to Galilee to parts south;
from places familiar with your word
to ones curious to know their place in your story.**

**We confess that we hold back the force
of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

**We often restrict the telling of the Gospel
to places comfortable and familiar.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will and telling your Good News
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent Confession

*Kyrrie Eleison

Arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to exchange the peace of Christ
with one another, greeting each other with the words above.*

*Response of Praise

(Hymnal, 720)

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

OFFERING OF PENNIES FOR HUNGER

(As the ushers come forward, please pass the pennies to the center aisle, if you are seated downstairs, or to the right in the balcony. As they are being passed, please join in singing verses 1 and 4 of Hymn 757, “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples.”)

THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children, three-years old through third-graders, are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for Time with Children. Children under three are invited to come forward with a parent.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Walker Marion Dodds

Statement of Baptism

Presentation of the Child

Questions to the Parents

Affirmation of the Congregation

Walker, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

Prayer

Administration of the Sacrament

Welcome to the Child

Response

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980

Nettleton
Wyeth's Respository of Sacred Music, 1813

Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.

Back to God we hum-bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your lov-ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.

Grow to laugh, and sing and wor-ship, Trust and love God more than all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW CANON Isaiah 53:7-12 p. 684
(Children's Bible, pp. 847-848)

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 8:26-40 p. 127
(Children's Bible, p. 1271)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What is *Good* about this Good News?" Matt Moorman

Time is provided following the sermon for a few moments of personal reflection and prayer.

God sent his Son

**to proclaim release to those who are bound,
to announce that God’s promised kingdom is at hand,
to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news.**

The Lord is moving toward the time

**when the glorious liberty of the children of God
will be manifest throughout the whole creation.**

We testify God is at work here and now

**when people obey Christ’s commission
to witness to him and make disciples of all nations,
when they spread the good news by their words
and embody it in their lives.**

We believe that God sends us

**to tell all nations
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.**

We are to proclaim by word and deed

**that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred,
from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression,
and even from death.**

We are to offer them in Christ’s name

fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel

**by weakening its promises or demands,
by identifying it with oppressive structures,
by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.**

We must not restrict our proclamation

to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere

to believe in Christ and become his followers.

*HYMN 462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Hankey

THE THANKSGIVING

Our Commitment to the Future

Laura Roberson

Offertory Sentence

At the Offering,

A Carol

Dutch Carol

arr. William H. Harris

1883-1973

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ...

Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ...

*Words, The Rev. George R. Woodward, 1848-1934
from 1 Corinthians 15*

*Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below, Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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 SENDING

*HYMN 518

“Your Only Son”

Lamb of God

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN

Henry Balfour Gardiner
1877-1950

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

**You are invited to stand, as able.*

Welcome to the Fellowship of University Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE is available during both worship services for infants, toddlers and preschool children, who will be welcomed by our trained nursery staff. Infants are welcome in the Sanctuary, but the parlor is a wonderful place to calm an anxious baby. A special part of our service is the Time with Children, when they are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary for a message that connects the worship of the day with their unique understanding.

DURING THE 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE, UPC offers Godly Play for kindergarteners and children who are age four (as of September 1). This is a time of storytelling and creative play. Following the Time with Children, kindergarteners and four-year-olds go with the Godly Play Assistant through the door to the left of the pulpit to the Godly Play room.

WE WELCOME AND EMBRACE ALL CHILDREN and strive to provide skilled caregivers to accommodate any special needs. Please contact the Staff Associate for Children's Ministries, Nancy Myer, at nancy@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 if there is anything we can do to enhance the Sunday morning experience for your entire family.

THE WORSHIP BULLETIN, the weekly calendar, the announcements and UPC's newsletter are posted on the church Website at www.upcch.org.

Worship Notes

AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, please turn off or silence all cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices for the duration of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: *Preacher:* Matt Moorman, PCM Ministerial Intern. *Liturgists:* John Rogers, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry; Kate Fiedler, Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries; Elizabeth Michael, Interim Associate Pastor. *Choir Director and Organist:* Thomas Brown, Minister of Music.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: *Greeters:* Bruce and Ann Henschel. *Ushers:* Don and Pat Kennedy (captains), Bob Johnson, Daniel Mosteller, Edith Lino, Lawrence Sizemore. *Godly Play Leaders:* Day McLaughlin, Megan Crunkleton. *Handicapped Parking Assistant:* Jesse Basnight, Jr.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is being administered this morning to Walker Marion Dodds, son of Jesse Van Der Puy Dodds and Will Dodds. Walker was born on October 11, 2017.

DURING THE EASTER SEASON, we will be singing the Doxology to the tune of *Lasst uns erfreuen*.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please take some prayerful time this week to prepare for this sacrament.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN VOLUNTARY by Thomas Arne (1716-1788) is typical of English organ music written for small "chamber" organs consisting of one or two keyboards (and no pedals) with just a few stops that were prevalent in England from the Renaissance until well-into the Nineteenth Century. One such organ was built in 1598 by 23-year-old Thomas Dallam (ca. 1574 - died after 1614). The organ was to be a present from Queen Elizabeth I to Sultan Mehmet III of Turkey; its back-story included the hope for British trading rights and the Queen's desire to have the Sultan's fleet attack Spain. The "great and curious Present" was in fact an automated, musical 'clock organ' with jewel-encrusted moving figures, drums, mechanical nightingales and other 'singing' birds combined with a chamber organ which could play tunes automatically or by hand from its keyboard, all housed in a carved and gilded case standing sixteen feet high. Dallam, an engineer and a decorative painter, travelled six months on an armed merchant ship to escort it from London to Constantinople. His diary describes encounters with storms, exotic animals, pirates, Moors, Turks, Greeks, kings and pashas, armies on the march, Ottoman janissaries, slaves, eunuchs, dwarves and finally the great Turk himself, the most powerful man in the world. Dallam was the first foreigner to peek inside the Sultan's harm and live to write about it, and was the first Englishman to describe an overland journey in Greece. Dallam's marvel of British technology so impressed the Sultan that he granted England vital trading concessions and offered Dallam a permanent job (with two virgins in the remuneration package). Dallam politely declined and returned to England to become the greatest organbuilder of his day. His magnificent oak organ case of 1605, built to house his new instrument for King's College, Cambridge, still stands proudly in the college Chapel.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ROBERTSON LANE. It is fine to park in the designated pull-in parking spaces, but the road itself is a fire lane and must be kept clear.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES are set aside on Sunday directly in front of the church on Franklin Street, and four spaces are available in the church parking lot off Robertson Lane. Please reserve these spaces for those with handicap parking permits.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS and portable hearing devices are available every Sunday in the narthex.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.



Welcome to University Presbyterian Church

News and Opportunities
April 29, 2018

Mission Study Team Update

Thank you for your thoughtful engagement in last Sunday's Congregational Town Hall Meetings, our final mission study gatherings! The team enjoyed sharing select aspects of the study with you and loved hearing your thoughts and questions. As we move forward with writing the Mission Study Report in earnest, please do continue to share your reflections with us via our online suggestion box, (upcch.org/missionstudy), email (missionstudyteam@upcch.org), or conversation with any team member.

2018 Congregational Retreat

The UPC Congregational Retreat registration is open! Go to www.upcch.org/retreat to get your spot in Assembly Inn reserved for this year's retreat, "Spirit on the Move," September 7-9, 2018, in Montreat. Don't miss this incredible weekend in beautiful Montreat with your church family. Through the lens of the Pentecost story, we'll explore how the Holy Spirit is at work in our own lives and our Church. There will be pottery, paddle boating, hiking, BBQ, barn dancing, campfire, energizers, and more fun than you thought possible in 36 hours. Join in!

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Dinner

Save the date! All women of the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Dinner. Please join us on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll enjoy a delicious catered dinner (cost \$15) and learn what Presbyterian Women, locally and nationwide, have done this last year. The dinner will feature musical entertainment by Metrognomes. During the dinner, a birthday offering will be received to support PW charities. You may even win a special birthday prize! Our own Elizabeth Michael will be our speaker for the evening. She will share stories and pictures from her recent trip to Israel/Palestine, including the messages Palestinian Christians are eager to share with Christians in the US. To RSVP, place your \$15 check (made out to "UPC" with "PW Dinner" in the memo line) in the offering plate or mail your check to the church office (209 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514). **Checks must be received by next Sunday, April 29.** Please contact Daphne Little (crowlittle@aol.com) or Cass Swon (cassswon@gmail.com) with questions. For more information about the 2018 birthday offering, please visit upcch.org/presbyterian-birthday-dinner.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is seeking a few friendly faces to help us in the exciting work of welcoming new members to our church. Committee members are asked to help out at two to three new member lunches throughout the year and to serve as a welcoming presence for visitors at UPC. If you are interested please contact Chelsey McElwee (chelseymcelwee@gmail.com) for more information.

Punch on the Porch

Punch on the Porch begins in June! Sign up to host this wonderful fellowship opportunity after the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service on the portico from June through September. All supplies are provided; simply add your smile and hospitality. Punch on the Porch is a great way to get to know our church family during the summer. To sign up to host Punch on the Porch, go to goo.gl/rBxuw8. If you have questions, please contact Kate Fiedler at kate@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102.

PNC: The Next Step!

The congregation is invited to suggest names of church members to be considered to serve on a nine-member Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which will place in nomination to the congregation a candidate for our next Installed Pastor/Head of Staff. A detailed job description for the PNC is available in the narthex and online (www.upcch.org/pnc), along with forms on which you may submit your nominations. **The Nominating Committee will receive names through next Sunday, April 29.**

Young Adults

All are invited to join the conversation with Elizabeth Michael on Thursday, May 3, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the HS room. (Enter through Dunham Hall and walk toward the Youth Center to find room 136.) Email Kate Fiedler with any questions (kate@upcch.org).

Reception for Elizabeth Michael

We give thanks to God for the season Elizabeth Michael has shared with our congregation. Come share your gratitude for her ministry and wish her well in her next adventure on Sunday, May 13, from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for UPC's Vacation Bible School! We will gather June 25-28 at New Hope Camp & Conference Center. Our theme will be "Rolling River Rampage." Along the river, children will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise and that they can always trust God to be with them. Online registration is open for members and non-members. Go to upcch.org/vacation-bible-school. Please go to goo.gl/forms/VPRA5i-351gqSsFnA3 to register as a volunteer. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Myer at nancy@upcch.org, Stephanie Duncan at seduncan1@hotmail.com, or Stacey Lange at stacey.lange@gmail.com. The groups for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are now closed, but registration continues for all other age groups.

Adult Education, 9:45-10:45

Bible Study: *The Voice of God in the Silenced: A Look at Women in the Bible*: Focusing on five women in the Hebrew Bible, in this class we will participate in critical engagement with scripture, learning a new vocabulary of hope for 21st century life, and looking to encounter the God-who-cannot-be-silenced among the voices of women who have been all too often. This Sunday: Delilah: the problem with heroes. Next week: the Wife of Job: suffering and human faithfulness. Facilitator: Matt Moorman (PCM Ministerial Intern). Location: Vance Barron Hall.

Faith and the Arts: *Faith Stories*: This class will finish reading a collection of stories by wonderful writers on "varieties and vagaries of faith," *Faith Stories*, edited by Michael Curtis. This week: The discussion continues with the story, "I Am the Grass" by Daly Walker. Facilitator: John Blythe. Location: Terrace Room.

Mental Health Task Force

On Sunday, May 6, UPC will join communities around the country in recognizing Child Mental Health Awareness Day. Along with many faith communities, we are working hard to reduce the stigma, increase support, and raise awareness about the mental health needs of America's youth. Middle and high school Sunday School classes will receive green ribbons in honor of children and teens facing mental health challenges. Ribbons will also be available in the narthex on May 6, along with a flyer explaining more about child mental health and our efforts to support members of our church family who struggle with these issues. Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Youth, Junior, and Children's Choirs

The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) has their final Sunday afternoon rehearsal of this school year at UPC today from 5-6. The Youth Choir is preparing to lead worship on Sunday, May 6, at 11:00 and to sing that afternoon in the Youth Choir Benefit Concert at Binkley Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Today is an important rehearsal! For more information contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org.

The Junior Choir (grades 2-6) and the Children's Choir (grades K-2) will meet at noon today at THE FARM, 1 Alice Ingram Circle, for a Cast Party and Family Potluck Lunch. Bring food to share. Following lunch, singers will receive choir certificates and pictures, and second graders will receive the Chorister's Guild Pin. Lots to celebrate! Thank you for leading worship today! For more information contact Beth Visser at visser@upcch.org.

Chorister's Guild Pins: If you would like a pearl attached to your pin for this year's participation in choir, it's time to give Beth Visser your pin! For more information contact Beth at visser@upcch.org.

Youth Choir Benefit Concert

The Youth Choir Benefit Concert will be held May 6 at 7 p.m. at Binkley Baptist Church. The Youth Choirs from University Presbyterian Church, Binkley Baptist Church, University United Methodist Church, and United Church of Chapel Hill will perform a joint concert to support a local nonprofit of the youth choirs' representatives choosing. This year the offering collected at the concert will benefit the mental health initiative, Josh's Hope Foundation, a local non profit organization whose mission is to bridge gaps for young adults with mental illness. Each choir will perform an anthem and then combine to perform six anthems together. A representative from Josh's Hope Foundation will speak. If you would like to support this benefit and can't attend the concert, make your check payable to Binkley Baptist Church, with Youth Choir Benefit Concert in the memo line..

Presbyterian Women

All women of UPC are invited to attend PW Circles:
Circle 1: Wed., May 9, 7 p.m. Hostess: Elizabeth Moshier, 1074 Canterbury Lane, (919-933-1861)
Circle 2: Mon., May 7, 10 a.m. Hostess: Betty Hutton, 420 Landerwood Ln, (919-942-6174)
Circle 3: Tues., May 1, 10a.m. Hostess: Marian Johnson, 217 Mill Race Drive (919-942-4752)
Circle 4: Tues., May 1, 11 a.m. Hostess: Becky Thomas 508 Swim & Croquet, (Ferrington Village) (704-754-2841)
Circle 5: Wed., May 2, 7 p.m. Hostess: Myrah Scott, 105 Sheffield Circle (919-933-9463)

Am I Invisible?

In this busy world, it is easy to feel isolated from one another. Sometimes a person feels left behind in the crush of over-committed people, lonely and forgotten. A Stephen Minister can offer the gifts of attentive listening and Christian caregiving. Please contact Elizabeth Michael at elizabeth@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102, or you may visit upcch.org/stephen-ministry to learn more.

Announcement from the Larger Community

All women (and men, too) are invited to the Church Women United May Friendship Day and salad luncheon this coming Friday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. The program will be presented by the Church of the Holy Family with guest speaker, Quinton Harper, of Democracy North Carolina. Bring items to contribute to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina. For more information contact Susie Smith at snyncks@gmail.com.

