

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, April 28

9 a.m.- Acoustic Service  
10 a.m.- Formation Hour  
10 a.m.- Children's Choir  
11 a.m.- Traditional Service  
5 p.m.- Middle School Youth Group  
6 p.m.- Youth Group Dinner  
6:45 p.m.- High School Youth Group

### Tuesday, April 30

10:30 a.m.- Women of Purpose

### Wednesday, May 1

10 a.m.- Prayer Team  
5:45 p.m.- Chancel Bells  
6:30 p.m.- Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 2

10 a.m.- Accidental Saints  
12:15 p.m.- National Day of Prayer

### Saturday, May 4

8:30 a.m.- Work (& Play) Day

### Sunday, May 5

9 a.m.- Acoustic Service  
10 a.m.- Formation Hour  
10 a.m.- Children's Choir  
11 a.m.- Traditional Service  
4 p.m.- Benevolence Concert  
5 p.m.- Middle School Youth Group  
6 p.m.- Youth Group Dinner  
6:45 p.m.- High School Youth Group

### GENERAL CONFERENCE WATCH PARTY

Monday, April 29 - Thursday, May 2  
8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
(Conference breaks for lunch from 12-1:30 pm)

## CUMC STAFF

### Ben Williams

Lead Pastor

### Kristen Hanna

Associate Pastor of  
Worship & Mission

### Dr. Daniel Steinert

Director of Music

### Tristan Bland

Music Intern

### Debbie Arena

Preschool Director

### Issa Farhoud

After School Director

### Kaleb Graves

Interim Youth Director

### Mary Shannon

Music Intern

### Denis Brichford

Business Manager

### Kalie Gorham

Communications & Programs  
Manager

### Kristen Bridge

AV Coordinator

### Bevin Sekora

Nursery Director



## Christ United Methodist Church

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

April 28, 2024 | 11 a.m. Worship

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### Prelude

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
with "Hymn to Joy"

*arr. Bober*

*Doug Wakeman, trumpet*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

In the wilderness, water brings life for the vine.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light for new growth.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

In the nourishment of God's love,  
the ground is readied for planting.

**Seek us out, O God, and prepare us to grow.**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"  
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

*UMH #384*

*(Sing to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus")*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter Lesson

Psalms 22:25-31

**Sung Response**

"Jesu, Jesu"

*UMH #432*

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

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## Invitation

## Confession

God of new life,

We need Easter like the desert needs rain. For you give us unending love, and we turn it into a commodity. You give us mystery, and we force it into certainty. You give us community, and we set rules about who is in and who is out.

You give us grace, but we hold grudges against our neighbors. You give us light and we ration it out to those we believe deserve it. God of grace, forgive us for our shortcomings. Dwell among us like rain in the desert—holy and unexpected—until new life grows here.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

## Pardon

## Offering Our Gifts

## Offertory Song

“Make a Joyful Noise” *Burrows*  
Chancel Choir  
Doug Wakeman, trumpet

## \*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *UMH #94*

## Children's Sermon

## \*Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

## Sermon

“A New Creation: Grafted Together”  
*Pastor Kristen Hanna*

## Musical Reflection

“When Love is Found” *Miller*

## Prayers of the People

## \*The Lord's Prayer

## \*Apostle's Creed

## \*Closing Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth” *UMH #92*  
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

## Missional Announcements

## Benediction

## Postlude

“For the Beauty of the Earth” *arr. Wold*

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*The flowers on the chancel are given by the Woodfin Family in memory of Christopher Chase Woodfin.*

## Participants in Worship

Pastor Kristen Hanna  
Dr. Daniel Steinert  
Doug Wakeman  
Chancel Choir

## Online Giving

1. Visit [christmethodist.org/giving](http://christmethodist.org/giving).
2. Click 'ONLINE GIVING PORTAL' button.
3. Enter an amount, select a fund & click 'Continue'.
4. Enter your billing information & click 'Give'.

## Text Giving

1. Text "CUMCCH" and a dollar amount to 73256.
2. Follow the prompts and reply with your credit/debit card, or bank account, information.

## Cash/Check Giving

Cash/check offerings can be placed in the offering plates, or mailed to the church:  
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