

The Service for the Lord's Day Trinity Sunday 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services June 15, 2025

"United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people."

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Prelude O Rest in the Lord, from Elijah Mendelssohn, arr. Rawsthorne

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

ONE: The world says, "Your work is never done."

MANY: God says, "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy."

ONE: The world says, "You can sleep when you're dead."

MANY: God says, "I will give you rest."

ONE: As we worship this morning, may we listen to God's truth for our lives.

MANY: Let us worship the God of Rest.

* Hymn No. 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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Prayer of Confession

MANY: God of Rest, we confess that we have not kept your Sabbath commandment.

We claim to be your people,

but if you look at our calendars,

our schedules do not reflect your divine image.

Your Sabbath interrupts our work,

and we are too busy to take a break.

We have replaced your rest;

with the anxious toil we think will make us happy and secure.

Even though you told us to remember, we have forgotten.

And in our forgetting,

we have exhausted ourselves, our neighbors, and creation around us.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us remember to rest,

and to keep the time you give us holy.

Restore us to the rhythm you intended for us from the start,

so that our lives might reflect more clearly,

the God of Rest we worship and serve.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Listen to the sound of grace poured out over our lives. Beloved, we think we can only rest when

we have gotten everything right, but God's grace says, "Rest here, rest now, and be at peace."

MANY: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

WELCOME

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a long-time member, we are blessed to have you with us.

As a congregation, we seek to live as people united in Jesus Christ. Our church consists of people of all ages and stages on faith's journey, from those new to faith to those who have honed their faith for decades. We consider this one of Unity's greatest gifts. We see ourselves as an ever-widening family with room for everyone. We tend to worship in some pretty traditional ways. We study the scriptures and seek to understand the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world.

We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning - a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper connection with the God who loves you! After the service, stick around for a few minutes. Introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you cannot stay or are worshiping with us online, please visit our website. See if this is a place and a people that God is calling you to be a part of, a place and a people where you might invest yourself in the amazing work God is doing, a place and a people you just might call home.

* Congregational Response No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

First Reading Luke 5:15-16

Children's Time with Scout

VBS Song Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

ALL:

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Congregational Blessing

Go Now in Peace

Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Second Reading Exodus 20:8-11

Prayer for Illumination

Centering Prayer

Zach and Bluett

Christine Honeycutt, soloist

Refrain: I want to be where my feet are.

I want to breathe the life around me.

I want to listen as my heart beats right on time.

I want to be where my feet are.

I chase my worries, I flee my sorrows, but what you give me is now. So take my burdens and my tomorrows: I want to be where my feet are. (*Refrain*)

I run to capture the next horizon, but what you give me is here. I get no farther, and still I find you: I want to be where my feet are. (*Refrain*)

Sermon "Rest" Rev. Molly Spangler

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* Affirmation of Faith - Westminster Confession of Faith 6.118 - 6.119

MANY: As it is of the law of nature that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment, binding all people in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him. This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord when people, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations; but also are taken up the whole time in the public and private exercises of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

MANY: 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.

Offering

As we worship both at home and in the sanctuary, we pause in gratitude to God to prayerfully reflect on the response we make to God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Financial gifts can be shared online at https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/give/now through the mail, as the plates are passed, or in the mailbox in front of the Historic Sanctuary.



Offertory Anthem

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Women's Chorus arr. Borwick

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- * Prayer of Thanksgiving
- * Hymn No. 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude All Glory Be to God on High arr. Burkhardt

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Leading Worship this morning:

Rev. Molly Spangler Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Verdery Parish Associate

Larry Terrell Lay Worship Leader

> Cathy Schaefer Scout

Margaret Monroe Director of Music

> Acolytes: 8:45 a.m. Mia Smith Clara Bickett

11:00 a.m. Haddie Morgan

Children's Ministry Staff:

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^{*}As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.

DEACONS SERVING today at the 8:45 a.m. worship service are Riley Shaftner, Cathey Miller, and Jennifer Smith; at the 11:00 a.m. worship service are Norma Lester, Cathey Miller, and Jennifer Sova.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Luke Weaver's 13th birthday, from his parents Ben and Cathy Weaver, and his brother, Will Weaver.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available at the Deacons desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP, GROW, AND SERVE

Worship

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, Room M201 is open, and is connected to the sanctuary sound system. Ask an usher in the Narthex if you need directions.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE during both worship services in Room S104 for infants-18 months and S103 for toddlers/ preschoolers up through age 3 at the 8:45 service and up to age 5 at the 11:00 service since our CIW program is not meeting at this service in June. Both rooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary building. Our nursery is run by trained, paid staff with assistance from trained church volunteers. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered throughout the morning. Children may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to a worship service or may attend worship with you until the Children's Time and then will be taken to nursery by our volunteers and staff. If your child plans to leave the service following Children's Time, please complete a bright yellow Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.

CIW IS AVAILABLE AT THE 8:45 SERVICE ONLY DURING JUNE. "Children in Worship" is a Montessori-based worship program for young children (those who will turn 4 before September 1st, 2025, those who are Rising Kindergarten and 1st graders as well as those who have just completed 1st grade). They learn to worship in a way that corresponds to corporate worship yet addresses their needs as young children. Please bring your child with you to worship in the sanctuary and complete a Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack, and place it on your child's back. Check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency. After the Children's Time, your child will be escorted to the CIW Room (M206) on the children's Sunday school wing. Children who usually attend CIW during the 11:00 service are encouraged to stay in the service and practice their worship skills with their families. Alternatively, the nursery will accept children up to 5 years of age at this service this month. Please see note above for information on the nursery.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED - Please note that as you join us for worship in the Sanctuary, there is a possibility that you will be seen on the online livestream. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Dr. Matt Rich at the church office at 803-547-5543.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSERY AND CIW beginning in the fall. Our church is growing! And that means we need more people to serve in our nursey and the Children in Worship program in order to assure that our youngest children are well cared for and know the love of Jesus here at church on Sunday mornings. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve as a Greeter or Caregiver in the nursery or a Storyteller or Helper in Children in Worship. Training will be offered for all those serving in these two areas beginning in early August for service to begin in September. Please email Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for more information or to express your interest in serving.

WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM EACH SUNDAY IN JULY - We had so much fun last summer, we've decided to do it again. We will hold a single worship service each week at 10 AM each Sunday in July. Unity traditionally participates in Change for the Church with casual dress and a special offering in July, so we'll also change our worship time to all worship together. Children in Worship and Nursery will be offered at this service as well as Family Choir. So, go ahead and change your calendars to note that we'll worship at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in July - and come early because it means the sanctuary will be full each week!

Endowment

AS YOU CONTEMPLATE YOUR LEGACY, please consider including Unity in your estate planning.

Faith Formation

MONDAY MUSINGS meets each Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. with the pastors in Room M201 for conversation about and study of Sunday's sermon and scripture texts.

JOIN US FOR OUR ALL-CHURCH FAITH FORMATION, ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD continues today and each Sunday in June at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited for an interactive Bible story about the people of God from Abraham and Sarah, the Israelite people, Mary and Elizabeth, Jesus and Zacchaeus, and Paul as they remind us that "The Lord our God is with is wherever we go." We'll then explore a variety of responsive activities that help us connect these stories to our own journeys with God. Come any Sunday you are in town for a trip through the Bible you won't want to miss.

JOIN OTHER MOMS FOR A SUMMER BOOK READ - The Messy Motherhood group will be reading <u>The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness</u> by Jonathan Haidt and discussing it on **Zoom on Wednesday, July 9th from 7:30-8:30 p.m.** We have a few spots open. Contact Kathryn McGregor (<u>kmcgregor@unityfortmill.org</u>) to sign up for the book discussion, buy a copy of the book at your favorite bookseller, and get reading!

Health Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY DANCE FITNESS CLASSES: MODIFIED SUMMER SCHEDULE - The Dance Fitness classes will meet every other week in the summer. Both classes (Rhythm-n-Moves at 9:30 a.m. and Line Dance at 10:30 a.m.) will meet on June 18th, July 2nd, July 16th, and July 30th. We will return to meeting every week beginning in August.

Human Resources Ministry Team

SABBATICAL: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MARGARET MONROE - In recognition of her seven years of faithful ministry at Unity Presbyterian Church, Margaret Monroe is eligible for sabbatical. Sabbatical is time for rest and renewal, for intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, and for discovering what will make a church leader's heart sing. With the approval, prayers, and full support of the Human Resources Ministry Team, the Session, and Dr. Rich, Margaret's sabbatical will begin on Monday, June 23rd and she will return on Monday, August 4th. She will be attending conferences, spending time with family, and working on complex organ pieces, plus worshiping and learning from other congregations and faith communities. During this time, so that Margaret can focus on rest and renewal, she will not be answering phone calls, text messages, or emails. If you have questions that you would normally ask Margaret, please reach out to Matt Rich or the chair of the Worship and Music Ministry Team (Lauren Mobley). Patsy Surratt will be playing for worship on Sundays and working with the choir. Please join us in praying that this time of Sabbatical will be an opportunity for rest and renewal for Margaret as well a chance for new growth for our congregation.

Outreach

DONATIONS FOR THE TRINIDAD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - For nine of Unity's members, July 9-18 will bring a mission trip to Honduras. This will be Unity's 12th trip to the municipality of Trinidad, Copan. We will be working in a 10-house project in the neighborhood of San Juan Planes. We will be accompanied by Tim Wheeler, retired PCUSA mission co-worker. Members of past teams have met many children that are now in their teens and need help in completing their education. **The 2025 team plans to take a monetary donation for the Trinidad Scholarship Committee to help these young people.** We are asking for your help. If you would



like to make a donation, you may scan the QR code to donate online on Unity's website using the account name "Adult Missions" and enter in the memo space "Honduras Scholarships". Scholarships of \$130/year for students in town and \$160 for students from communities that need transportation, to cover the cost of school supplies, books, uniforms, computers and printing supplies. The 2025 team of Bob Edwards, Brian Fish, Michaela Fish, Jonathan Mikulsky, Adam Rusch, Joyce Sullivan, Beverly Tysinger and Ken Tysinger thank you for your donations. **Donations should be made by June 22nd.**

Special Offerings

CHANGE FOR THE CHURCH - Beginning Sunday, July 6th, and continuing throughout the month of July, we will collect our CHANGE FOR THE CHURCH OFFERING. During this time, we encourage everyone to collect their household change and donate to Unity for the following missions:

- One-third of the Change for the Church offering will be used to provide school supplies for children in need in the Fort Mill School District through the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools' Classroom Ready project.
- One-third of the offering will provide funds to the Syria/Lebanon Support programs
- One-third of the offering will provide funds for Hurricane Helene relief and recovery efforts.

Details of how to give are listed below:

- Visit https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/-/form/give/now to give online, select the "Change for Church" fund from the list of available funds.
- Buckets will be placed in the Narthex of the Sanctuary during the month of July for you to bring your loose change, folding money and checks for this annual Change for the Church offering.
- If you would prefer to mail a check, please make checks payable to Unity Presbyterian Church and write "Change for Church" in the memo line.
- You can also drop off your offering to the "Change for Church" fund by placing it in the black mailbox in front of the Historic Sanctuary (no glass containers please).

Spiritual Pilgrimage to Scotland: April 17 - 25, 2026

UNITY'S SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND with Matt Rich, Kathryn McGregor and Jim Wallace from SCOTUS Tours has two spots remaining. After that, interested participants are welcome to register for the waitlist by scanning the QR code or visit our website at https://unityfortmill.org/ministries/adults/spiritual-pilgrimage-to-scotland/ and clicking the dropdown arrow beside Registration Type and choosing Waitlist.



Stephen Ministry

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN IS A STEPHEN MINISTER CHURCH - Stephen Ministers are members of Unity Presbyterian Church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson, via email at Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org or call Rev. Molly Spangler at (803) 547-5543.

Stewardship

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR - Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity this year in support of the ministry at Unity Presbyterian Church! A reminder that the end of the current fiscal year is June 30th, so if you need to complete your pledge or you would like to make a final gift, please be sure gifts are postmarked, dropped off at the church office, or made online by the end of the day on Monday, June 30. Thank you again for your gifts that make possible the amazing work God is doing in our congregation and community.

Volunteer Opportunity

VOLUNTEER TO HELP RECYCLE HERE AT CHURCH! As a community of faith, we are always discerning how we can be good stewards of all that God has given us, including the creation around us. We have begun to recycle our paper again here on Unity's campus, and we are in need of volunteers to help us take that recycling to the recycling center each week. If you can help us with this effort, please use the **QR code to sign up for a Thursday** to come pick up recycling. Or if you are interested in learning more or have questions, please contact Rev. Molly Spangler at <a href="majorage-majora



Women of Unity

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH with all things happening with the Women of Unity by sending an email to wouministry@gmail.com. We would love to add you to our communications! Follow us on Instagram: @woufortmill.

Worship & Music

MUSIC CAMP - SAVE THE DATE! REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN THE FALL.

Who? Children age 4 (by September 1, 2025) through 5th grade

What? A VBS-style music camp where we'll learn and perform a musical!

Where? Unity Presbyterian Church

When? February 16-20, 2026, 9:00-12:30 (after care also available until 5:30 p.m.)

Why? To praise God through drama, dance, and music.

FAMILY CHOIR - While the Chancel Choir takes a break from Wednesday rehearsals in July, you are invited to join us for Family Choir! Family Choir is open to children (who are readers), youth, and adults. Each Sunday of July, Family Choir will rehearse at 9:00 in the choir room with Patsy Surratt to get ready for our single 10:00 worship service. Join us for all four Sundays in July, or as often as you're in town.

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR - Would you like to honor a family member, friend, or a special group of people? Placing fresh flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God is a perfect way to remember and celebrate a special person/s or occasion in your life. You may order flowers from a local florist or provide your own arrangement with flowers from your yard or another place of business that sells fresh-cut flowers. Your name along with the name or occasion being honored will be printed in the church bulletin. You may visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA5A729A0FCC25-53403724-unity#/ and complete the steps for selecting your choice of Sunday(s). All instructions are included. If you have questions, please contact Michaela Braswell at mbraswell@UnityFortMill.org or 803-547-5543 ext. 130). Early sign-up is recommended to ensure the Sunday of your choice.

Youth Ministry

JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM SUNDAY TODAY AT SWEETFROG! Rising 6th-8th graders meet from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and rising 9th graders- graduated seniors meet from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Sweetfrog Frozen Yogurt (914 Smithfield Way). Your first scoop of ice cream is generously covered by the Men's Ministry. No registration needed.

SIGN-UP FOR MID-WEEK MISSION ON JUNE 18TH! We'll meet at the Fellowship Hall parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and travel together to the Bethel Men's Shelter. After serving, we will enjoy lunch together at Hobo's. **Scan the QR code to RSVP!**

REGISTER NOW FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL HONDURAS MISSION TRIP! All rising 9th – 12th graders are invited to register now for the High School Mission Trip to Honduras, February 14th-21st, 2026. A \$100 deposit is due by August 4th to reserve your spot. If we do not receive enough registrations to move forward with the trip, your deposit will be fully refunded. **Scan the QR code to register now!**



Hymns for June 15, 2025 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth; on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth; on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the best.

Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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