

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 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

### Tuesday, May 7

10:30 a.m.- Women of Purpose  
7 p.m.- Word Lovers

### Wednesday, May 8

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

### Thursday, May 9

10 a.m.- Accidental Saints

### Sunday, May 12

9 a.m.- Acoustic Service  
10 a.m.- Formation Hour  
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

## CUMC STAFF

### Ben Williams

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### Kristen Hanna

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## Christ United Methodist Church

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

May 5, 2024 | 11 a.m. Worship

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### Prelude

"More Love to Thee, O Lord" *arr. Kim  
Laurel Siviglia & Dr. Daniel Steinert, piano 4-hands*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

You are God's beloved.  
**You do not have to be the best, the brightest, or the strongest.**  
You are God's beloved.  
**No matter who you are, how successful you are,  
or who the world says you are.**  
You are God's beloved.  
**You are loved and called to do the same.**  
You are God's beloved.

### \*Opening Hymn

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" *UMH #540*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter Lesson

Psalms 98

### 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

“I Believe in God”  
*Chancel Choir*

*Miller*

## \*Doxology

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

## Children's Sermon

## \*Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

## Sermon

“A New Creation: Final Instructions”  
*Rev. Lib Campbell*

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

*TFWS #2257 b-d*

## \*The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

## Communion Music

“How Beautiful”  
*Chancel Choir*

*Paris*

## \*Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*UMH #577*

## Missional Announcements

## Benediction

## Postlude

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*arr. Manz*

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## Participants in Worship

Pastor Ben Williams, Pastor Kristen Hanna, Rev. Lib Campbell, Dr. Daniel Steinert, Laurel Siviglia, Chancel Choir

## About Lib Campbell

Lib Campbell is a Retired Elder in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, named Pastor Emeritus of Spiritual Formation at Saint Mark's UMC in Raleigh, NC. She and husband, Tom, have been married for 56 years. They are parents of two children and four adult grandchildren. Lib has a BA in Religion from Meredith College and an MDiv from Duke Divinity School. Lib and Tom led the North Carolina Academy for Spiritual Formation for 9 years. Lib is a frequent retreat leader, labyrinth facilitator, teacher and preacher. Lib has written for the Journal of Worship Resources, Upper Room Disciplines, and Discipleship Resources. She writes at: [aVirtualChurch.com](http://aVirtualChurch.com).

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