

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

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Christ United Methodist Church

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

May 5, 2024 | 9 a.m. Worship

**Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

"I Believe in God"
Tristan Bland, guitar

Miller

Pouring of the Baptismal Waters

Entrance Proclamation

God said "Let there be light," and there was light!
And God saw that the light was good.
This very day, our God has acted. Let us rejoice!
Alleluia! God's name be praised!

*Opening Song

"The Greatest Commandment is Love"

Stroud

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 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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Children's Sermon

*Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

Sermon

"A New Creation: Final Instructions"
Rev. Lib Campbell

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

"There's Power in the Blood" *Jones*
Dr. Rumay Alexander, soloist

*Doxology

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

*The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS #2257 b-d

*The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" *Townend*

*Sending Song

"God of Grace and God of Glory" *UMH #577*

Missional Announcements

Benediction

Sending Music

Participants in Worship

Pastor Ben Williams, Pastor Kristen Hanna, Rev. Lib Campbell,
Dr. Daniel Steinert, Rumay Alexander

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.

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