

Purveyors of Awe

"Delight"

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 15th, 2026 at 10:30am (onsite/online)
Umstead Park United Church of Christ

GATHERING

Welcome and a Time of Greeting

Rev. Paula Womack

Invocation

Jonathan McLean

Meditation

"Our tears register our awareness of vast things that unite us with others. Our goose bumps accompany notions of joining with others and facing mysteries and unknowns together. Today we may sense these laws of bodily awe when moved by a favorite musical group or in calling out in protest with others in the streets or in bowing our heads together in contemplation. And in such rushes of tears and chills...we may glean a sense of what our souls might be." -Dacher Keltner

Prelude

David Wilson

*Call to Worship

Rev. Paula Womack

One: Beckoned to this place of belonging, we, of Umstead Park United Church of Christ, with body, mind, and spirit, gather to worship, serve, and proclaim God, unknowable mystery whose center is love, and Jesus the Christ, who makes this loving mystery known.

Many: **With inarticulate words and unfinished lives, we yearn to further embody this holy love, shaping the future as partners with God, who dances and weeps with us along the way.**

-from the UPUCC Covenant

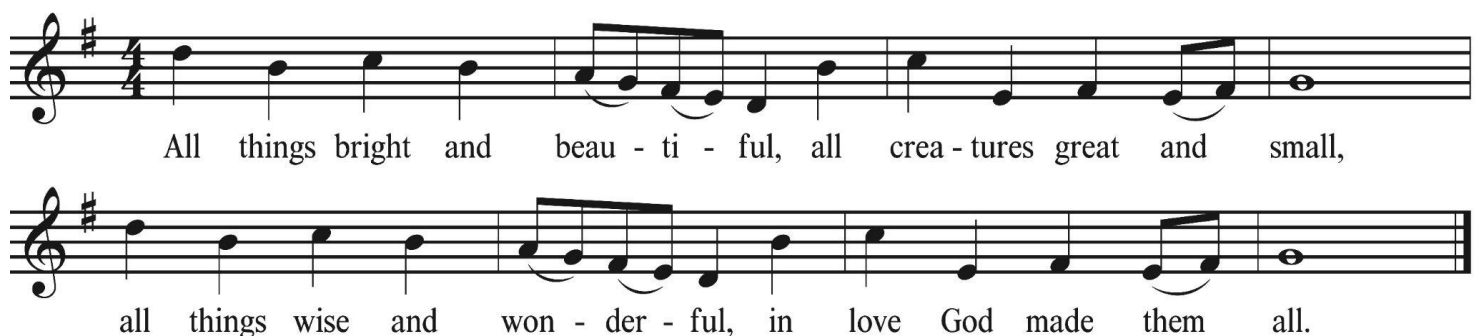
*Gathering Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"
(see insert)

Congregation

Time with Children

Christy Tucker



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all.

HEARING AND RESPONDING

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 36:7-9, from *The Inclusive Bible*
(see insert)

Jonathan McLean

Sermon

"Shine On"

Rev. Santi Matthews

*Responsive Hymn

"We Are Called"
(see insert)

David Wilson, Congregation

Prayers of the People

Rev. Paula Womack



You are invited to share names or brief joys and concerns.
To submit written prayer requests for the weekly email, visit
tinyurl.com/upuccprayers, or scan the QR code to the left.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn

#164, "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Congregation

Announcements

*Affirmation of Community

Jonathan McLean

One: We believe that all people are God’s people, that every child is holy, that every person is a part of the sacred family.

Many: **We believe that God’s love embraces all, and that to exclude any person would be contrary to the message of Jesus.**

One: We proclaim that this community of faith, Umstead Park UCC, will strive to be as open as the radical realm of God, and as liberating as the love of Christ.

Many: **And so we journey into our hopeful future with joy, pledging to offer each other welcome, compassion and care. May God grant us wisdom, grace, and guidance in our life together.**

*Benediction

Rev. Santi Matthews

Postlude

David Wilson

About Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Santi Matthews (she/her)

We are so glad to welcome to our pulpit today Rev. Santi Matthews (she/her), the associate pastor at a Community UCC in Raleigh! Santi says that she gets to do some of her favorite things at Community UCC: dream up intergenerational experiences, craft worship that sparks inspiration and create rituals that invite connection, healing and a sense of the Holy. She says she also has the great joy of serving as the youth minister, which means she is regularly learning from teens who are thoughtful, authentic, bold, quirky and delightfully clever and she is truly grateful to sit at their feet. Raleigh is home for her. She grew up here and shares life here with her husband, Matt. They love cooking and traveling together, soaking up time with their adult children, their young grandson and their sweet dog, Nina. In her downtime, Santi is often playing card or board games, taking photos or happily lost in a paper art project.

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Director of Music

Rev. Paula Womack, she/her
Associate Pastor

Guest Preacher

Rev. Santi Matthews

A special "thank you" to this week's volunteers:

Amy Lewis, Coffee Set-Up

Debbie Elliot, Coffee Set-Up

Lee Harrison (he/him), Assistant Treasurer

Kailina Grace (she/her), Greeter

Nina Nalle Robinson (she/her), Greeter

Jonathan McLean (he/him), Lay Leader

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Dean Williams, Usher

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Giving

Scan the QR code to make a one-time or recurring donation!

Visiting?

You are invited to fill out the online visitor form so that we can get to know you!

Realm

Access your Realm account



Supplemental Texts and Hymns

*Gathering Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

Congregation



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird is
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light, mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play. Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ry



morn - ing, praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 36:7-9, from *The Inclusive Bible*

Jonathan McLean

⁷ How precious is your love!

Whether creatures of heaven or children of earth,
 we all find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ We feast on the bounty of your estate,
 and drink from the stream of your delights.

⁹ In you is the wellspring of Life,
 and in your light we become enlightened."

*Responsive Hymn

"We Are Called"

David Wilson, Congregation

You are invited to join in singing the refrain after each verse.

1. Come, live in the light
 Shine with the joy and the love of our God
 We are called to be light for the kingdom
 To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain

2. Come, open your heart
 Show your mercy to all those in fear
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless
 So all hatred and blindness will be no more

Refrain

3. Sing, sing a new song
 Sing of that great day when all will be one
 God will reign and we'll walk with each other
 As siblings together united in love

Refrain



Refrain: We are called to act with jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der - ly,



we are called to serve one an - oth - er, _____ to walk hum - bly with God!

Coming Up Soon

CLC Meeting | Noon Today

CLC stands for Covenant Leadership Circle. We chose that name to indicate that ALL are welcome to come and give input. We count on you! This month, due to our inclement weather, the CLC meeting will be on February 15th at noon. I've heard a rumor that there may be some butternut squash soup for attendees. No, I am not above offering bribes. If you would like to attend virtually, you may use the QR code - Alice Jermyn, UPUCC Moderator

Nertz Meet-Up Group | Monday at 6:30pm

David Wilson is in the midst of starting a Raleigh Nertz Meet-Up group, which will meet on February 16th at 6:30pm for the first time! If interested, RSVP to the Meetup group at www.meetup.com/raleigh-nerzt-meetup, scan the QR code, or contact David directly (wilsondm92@gmail.com).



Mardi Gras Pancake Supper | Tuesday at 5:30pm

Join the Fellowship committee as we approach the season of Lent by celebrating Mardi Gras Tuesday Feb 17 from 5:30-7:00. We will provide the pancakes and toppings (including gluten free and hopefully vegan options). It will be a good time to come together and share a meal. We will need some help with set-up and clean up. Please see the sign-up sheet linked on the news page (upucc.org/news) so we will know how many to prepare for. Bring your friends and families and let's celebrate!



Ash Wednesday | Wednesday at 12:00pm

Please join us for a service of Imposition of Ashes onsite in the UPUCC sanctuary and online via Zoom, which you may access via the QR code. If you will join the service online, you are invited to have some soil or baby oil at hand that you can use to self-impose on your forehead or palm during that portion of the service.



Lent at UPUCC | Begins February 18th

For this season of Lent, we will explore a new series called, "Bread of Life." This series invites us on a Lenten journey to discover abundance in the ordinary—where grace is shared, hearts are filled, and love is never in short supply. Come hungry, leave nourished. You are invited to distribute the Lenten flyer to those in your community, which is available at the back of the worship space, and at the QR code.



Habitat for Humanity: Building on Faith | February 21st

Join us on our next build day on Saturday, February 21st! We have just a few slots for this build day in Old Poole Place, where we will work with others from different faith communities. Please contact Sarah Bellak (sarah.bellak@yahoo.com) for sign up information. Spaces are limited at this time.

Paint the Halls with Us! | February 28th

Deck the halls? Nope! PAINT the walls!

It's time to paint the office entryway, the halls, and the fabulous new gathering space Peter and Colin created. We have painter needs of all types. Do you like to cut in? Do you like to tape and paint edges? Do you like to roll big spaces? Do you like to tidy up when we're done? We need it all!

What we'll have available: We'll have some paint brushes, paint trays, rollers, tarps, and paint.

What you can bring: Your favorite paint brushes, trays, rollers, painting clothes, and smiles; Snacks or beverages as you need.

Rev. Tyler Ung on Parental Leave | Returns March 8

While Tyler is away, Rev. Paula Womack will step into an expanded leadership role as the Acting Senior Pastor, along with several guest preachers.

New Locks for the Building | March 9

As one component of our updated security policy for the church, we will be changing the locks for all exterior doors during the week of March 9th. In addition we will be installing a new keypad entry system on the door that leads from the front parking lot directly to the offices. Codes will be administered for church staff and leadership, as well as for certain individuals or groups that require access to the church space for meetings or events. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

Ongoing Announcements

Help Host Healing Transitions on First Sundays

We host our friends from Healing Transitions on the first Sunday of every month. If you would like to help with food, drink, and fellowship, sign up via the link on the website, or at the QR code. Get to know our neighbors!



UCC Connections

This February, United Church of Christ Racial Justice Ministries is offering an invitation to commit to a focused study of Black history both this month and throughout the year, with Black History 365 resources. Rev. Dr. Velda Love, UCC Minister for Racial Justice, says, "Black History 365 is a gateway to remember we are gifted and diverse people, culturally and ethnically. We are made in the image of God and members of God's human family."



Learn more about the UCC Racial Justice Ministries and download the resources at the QR code.

Hiring Youth Director and Teaching Interns

We are hiring for two part-time positions currently:

The Youth Director role designs and leads weekly opportunities for youth to gather, helps plan and implement programs, and collaborates with our established network of progressive youth ministries in the area. Read the Youth Director job posting for more information on the role and how to apply via the QR code.



The Teaching Intern role is a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience in curriculum development, classroom management, and faith-based teaching within a supportive and progressive community environment. This includes teaching Sunday

School classes and preparing lessons and materials. Read the Teaching Intern job posting for more information on the role and how to apply via the QR code.

We are thrilled to have Cody on staff as one teaching intern, and are looking to add to our team!



Want to Submit an Announcement?

To submit an announcement for publication on the website and the bulletin, simply scan this QR code and fill out the online form! To submit an announcement in time for the Friday email, the deadline is the preceding Tuesday by 11:59pm.



Submit Photos and Videos of UPUCC Happenings

Did you know that we have an online Google Photos album? It's chock-full of moments from UPUCC past and present, and you are invited to add your own! Simply scan the QR code, click the "Add Photos" button pictured here, and select which photos you would like to submit to the album. Alternatively, you may email photos or videos to umsteadparkucc@gmail.com!



Visiting With Us Today?

We're so glad that you spent your Sunday with us—we would love to get to know you better! You are invited to fill out the visitor form by scanning the QR code so that we can connect with you about our church and add you to our email list!

