

### **Membership and Church Practices:**

If you are interested in membership at Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, or if you have questions about church practices such as communion, baptism and reconciliation, please talk with one of our deacons:

Michael Lee

Thomas Lehman

Tana Liu-Beers

Nick Plummer

### **From the Deacons:**

As we continue to feel the stresses of life and the pandemic, please speak to a deacon if you need financial assistance to access individual or family therapy services. And let us know how we can pray for you or support you in other ways.

### **Communication Information:**

For church-related communications, please subscribe to our **email list**. To sign up, contact Nick Plummer.

Our **website** has more information about our faith and worship, as well as the text of previous sermons: <https://chapelhillmennonite.org>. Please direct all other questions to [chmennonite@gmail.com](mailto:chmennonite@gmail.com).

### **Relationships:**

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship is a member of Central District Conference, a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Our congregation is a member of the NC Council of Churches, a statewide ecumenical organization promoting Christian unity and working toward a more just society. Links to follow these efforts can be found at [www.ncchurches.org](http://www.ncchurches.org).

Our congregation is also a member of the Supportive Communities Network, an association of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities that welcome and affirm the full participation and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people. Details on the SCN can be found here: <http://www.bmcigbt.org/scn.shtml>

This congregation contributes to the Inter-Faith Council of Chapel Hill and Open Table Ministry of Durham.

## **Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship**

**March 26, 2023  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**



*I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.*

--From Psalm 130

Song Leaders: Michael Lee, Thomas Lehman  
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman

### **Gathering for Worship**

Call to worship Mary Jo Lehman

Leader: Let us covenant together to spread community to worlds beyond this place.

**People: Sing anew God's praise, accept our ministry as we seek to heal.**

L: See God's image afresh in each person; reflect God's face in ourselves.

**P: Unite with those who, empowered by the Spirit, love enough to move toward change.**

**All:** Let us go on our way in joy to create a celebration, remembering that God's likeness lives in each of us.

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns Michael Lee

#177 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

#57 "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"

Congregational Prayer Catherine Lee

### **Proclaiming the Word**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn #740 "Spirit of the Living God"

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

### **Responding to the Word**

Hymn #550 "God Who Touches Earth with Beauty"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer Michael Lee

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn #710 "This Is My Song"

Benediction

Following the worship service, the congregation will remain in the sanctuary for the "Table Topic" of the month: "Twenty Questions about *Voices Together*."

### **Next Week**

#### **Palm Sunday/ Offering**

Plan: Sidney King

Songs: Sarah Marks

Prayer: Mary Jo Lehman

Sharing: Zach Yordy

Sermon: Rachel Taylor

Childcare: Xaris Martinez, Seth Morgan

Snacks: Lehman

#### **Scriptures**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 26:14--27:66

Matthew 27:11-54

### **Announcements**

**Pastoral Search:** Isaac Villegas concluded pastoral ministry at CHMF in May 2022. The church has created a Pastoral Search Committee to find a replacement. Search committee members include Kathy Roberts (chair), Steve Jolley, Erin Mullaney, Zach Yordy, and Rebecca Rich. They will regularly update and involve the congregation at appropriate times in the process. Please contact any of us with ideas or questions.

**Participate:** CHMF encourages any regular attendee to participate in the service. We have rotating worship planners, song leaders, preachers, prayer leaders, response/sharing leaders, scripture readers, and childcare volunteers. If you would like to be added to one or more of these lists, please contact Aspen Yordy, interim coordinator. We would welcome your help with worship.

**Tithes and Offerings:** We collect our offerings on the first Sunday of the month. After that, checks may be mailed to our treasurer, Steve Jolley.

### **Calendar**

#### **April**

2—Palm Sunday, Offering, communion preparation

6—Maundy Thursday worship with foot-washing; Yordy home

9—10:30 AM, Easter celebration at Camp New Hope: worship, communion, potluck, games

12—Combined fellowship group, Mullaney residence

15—Youth group

19—Sunday School

22—Combined fellowship group, Roberts-Welch home