

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:

Thomas Lehman

Nick Plummer

Rebecca Rich

Kathy Roberts

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.

Affiliations:

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship CHMF is a **member** of the following:

- Central District Conference (mcusacdc.org), a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA (mennoniteusa.org)
- NC Council of Churches, (ncchurches.org), a statewide ecumenical organization which promotes Christian unity and a more just society
- Supportive Communities Network (bmclgbt.org/scn), a network of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities that welcome and affirm full participation and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people.

CHMF **supports** locally:

- Open Table Ministries (opentableministry.org) in Durham
- Interfaith Council (IFCWeb.org) in Chapel Hill
- Anathoth Community Garden (anathothgarden.org)

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

July 16, 2023



*For it was You who formed my inward parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works..*

--Psalm 139:13-14

Song Leader: Xaris Martinez
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman
Preacher: Thomas Lehman
Childcare: Tana Liu-Beers, Jen Peifer

Gathering for Worship

Call to worship

Mary Jo Lehman

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, who spins shining stars across the wondrous heavens, and stretches out the seas;

People: who lifts the dawn into place and sets boundaries for the night;

L: who awes the earth with storms and gentles it with rainbows;

P: who gives everything a season and breathes life and love into us,

ALL: Praise be to you O Lord.

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns

Xaris Martinez

#101 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns"

#740 "Spirit of the Living God"

Congregational Prayer

Catherine Lee

Proclaiming the Word

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

* Hymn #3 "Gathered Here"

Psalm 139:1-14, 23-24

Isaiah 44:6-8

Sermon "Glimpses of God"

Thomas Lehman

Responding to the Word

Hymn #199 "O God, You Search Me"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Rebecca Rich

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn #846 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Benediction

* *Children who have not yet started kindergarten are welcome to meet at the entrance doors for childcare at this time.*

kNext Week

Communion Preparation

Plan: Sidney King

Songs: Eric Hochstetler

Prayer: Thomas Lehman

Sharing: Aspen Yordy

Sermon: Kathy Roberts

Childcare: Xaris Martinez, Laura Rosenberger

Snack: Lehman

Scriptures

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Announcements

New Pastor: Ben Rudeen Kreider has accepted our call to serve as pastor of CHMF. He completed the MDiv degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May, and will begin here in mid-August. We are looking forward to his time with this congregation.

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. We would welcome your help with worship. If you would like to be added to one or more of these lists, please contact Aspen Yordy, Interim Church Administrator.

Benevolence Fund: Our congregation has a mutual aid fund, administered by the deacons, to help with financial hardships. If you have a need, including for individual or family therapy services, please get in touch with a deacon. Personal requests are kept confidential.

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

July 19—Lehmans host dinner group at Eastwood Laker Park, Chapel Hill

July 23—Our congregation hosts Germantown Mennonite Youth Group

July 30—Potluck and Communion

August 12—Youth group