

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 23, 2023



Preacher: Kathy Roberts
Song Leader: Eric Hochstetler
Worship Leader: Rebecca Rich
Childcare: Xaris A. Martínez, David Mauro

Gathering for Worship

Call to Worship

L: The Word of God is planted within us.

P: May we be receptive to the Word.

L: The Love of God rains down on us.

P: May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

L: The Breath of God blows softly among us.

P: May we be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering hymns # 34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
423 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Congregational Prayer Tom Lehman

Proclaiming the Word

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 119:105-112

*Hymn # 205 Light Dawns on a Weary World

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon Kathy Roberts

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response # 160 What a Fellowship

Congregational response, sharing and prayer Aspen Yordy

Preparation for Communion # 938, 937 Rebecca Rich

Introductions and announcements

Sending Hymn # 815 Sizohamba naye

Benediction

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

Next Week

Plan: Sidney King

Hymns: Jen Peifer

Prayer: Zach Yordy

Sermon: Communion & Potluck

Sharing: Michael Lee

Scriptures

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Announcements:

New Pastor: Ben Rudeen Kreider has accepted our call to serve as pastor of CHMF. He completed an 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 30—Potluck and Communion

August 12—Youth group

September 3—Installation and licensing service for Ben Kreider

October 20-22—CHMF retreat at Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores, NC