

### **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 our pastor or one of our deacons:

Ben Rudeen Kreider, Pastor

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.

To contact **Children and Youth Pastor** Catherine Lee, email:

catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org.

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 [chmf@chapelhillmennonite.org](mailto:chmf@chapelhillmennonite.org).

### **Affiliations:**

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

- Central District Conference ([mcusacdc.org](http://mcusacdc.org)), a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA ([mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org))
- NC Council of Churches, ([ncchurches.org](http://ncchurches.org)), a statewide ecumenical organization which promotes Christian unity and a more just society
- Supportive Communities Network ([bmclgbt.org/scn](http://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:**

- Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests ([bmclgbt.org](http://bmclgbt.org))
- Open Table Ministries ([opentableministry.org](http://opentableministry.org)) in Durham
- Interfaith Council ([IFCWeb.org](http://IFCWeb.org)) in Chapel Hill

## **Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship**

**September 10, 2023**



Song Leader: Xaris Martínez

Worship Leader: Sidney King

Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Childcare: Aspen Yordy, Tana Liu-Beers

### **Gathering for Worship**

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 149)

L: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**C: In every age, God has spoken!**

L: Today, we seek to hear God's call to us, in music old and new.

**C: We seek God's call in spoken word, in the work of the spirit that moves our hearts.**

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, fill this time and space with your love!**

Invocation

Gathering hymns

VT# 348 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

VT# 273 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Congregational Prayer

Nick Plummer

### **Proclaiming the Word**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

VT# 3 "Gathered Here" (sing twice) \*\*

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon "Time for Freedom"

Ben Rudeen Kreider

### **Responding to the Word**

VT# 416 "Beyond a Dying Sun"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer  
Announcements and introductions

Kathy Roberts

VT# 832 "The Lord Lift You Up"

Benediction

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

### **Next Week**

Lead: Aspen Yordy

Hymns: Tom Lehman

Prayer: Xaris Martínez

Sharing: Michael Lee

Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Snack: Rich/Hochstetler

Childcare: Kathy Roberts, Seth Morgan

### **Scriptures**

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

### **Announcements**

**This fall, CHMF Sunday School** will focus on the story of the Bible—the big picture. Starting September 10, Sunday school will be held **every Sunday at 4pm—for all ages, kids and adults**. We're calling it "The Bible Timeline Project," creating a timeline together to help us visualize and understand the story of God's people in history. Each week will be a little different, but we'll have arts and crafts (for grown-ups too!), singing, games, and discussion. Bring your curiosity and your 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 are interested in helping, sign up on the Worship Participant List. We would welcome your help with worship.

**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**

**September 10**—Sunday School "Bible Timeline Project" starts (all ages), 4p

**September 23**—Ride for Refuge

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