

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 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.

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:

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

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

Peace Sunday
September 17, 2023



Worship Leader: Aspen Yordy
Song Leader: Tom Lehman
Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Childcare: Kathy Roberts & Seth Morgan

Gathering for Worship

Call to Worship: Aspen Yordy
In a world filled with violence and war,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.
In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.
In a world filled with hunger and greed,
we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.
Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

Invocation
Gathering hymns Tom Lehman
VT# 193 "When Israel was in Egypt's land"
VT# 194 "Lead on, O Cloud of Presence"
Congregational Prayer Xaris Martínez

Proclaiming the Word

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
VT# 348 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"
Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon "Fighting for Freedom" Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

VT# 613 "God, be with us"
Congregational response, sharing and prayer Michael Lee
Announcements and introductions
VT# 832 "Peace, Salaam, Shalom"
Benediction

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

Next Week

Lead: Mary Jo Lehman
Hymns: Jen Peifer
Prayer: Zach Yordy
Sharing: Steve Jolley
Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Snack: Potluck – no snack
Childcare: Sarah Marks & Eric Hochstetler

Scriptures

Exodus 16: 2-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

Announcements

This fall, CHMF Sunday School will focus on the story of the Bible—the big picture. 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 or tell Pastor Ben. We would welcome your help.

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 23—Ride for Refuge; Booth at Durham Pride with RMC
September 27 – Dinner group at Liu-Beers
October 20-22—CHMF retreat at Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores, NC