

ANNOUNCEMENTS [www.allgather.org/calendar](http://www.allgather.org/calendar)

As part of The Gathering Church's new steps to better serve our community, we are happy to announce that we will be partnering with PORCH (People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill Carrboro Homes), an organization that provides food for local families in need. Our goal is to collect food once a month for these food drives. We are generally looking for non-perishable, boxed and canned foods like soup, pasta, cereal, canned veggies and fruit. If you would like to participate, please bring a bag of food donations to church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month, beginning next Sunday 8/9, and place it on the left hand side bench, just before the greeting table when you come into church. We will collect it and deliver it to PORCH's monthly food drive. Contact Kimberly Steiner: [kimberlydsteiner@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlydsteiner@gmail.com).

Come be a part of Oak Church's VBS program this summer! This year's theme, SonSpark Labs, takes kids on a science-themed journey to discover God's plan of salvation and restoration through Jesus. The dates are Thursday, Aug. 16 - Sunday Aug. 19. For a fuller schedule and to sign up, please contact Meg Hoffman: [meg@oakdurham.org](mailto:meg@oakdurham.org).

INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

GIVING [www.allgather.org/giving](http://www.allgather.org/giving)

Giving is a vital part of our worship of God. If you would like to give this morning, you may do so by putting your offering in the black box on the back table. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of this church.

Other ways to give:

- (1) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (2) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (3) Online through Paypal.

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Psalm 86:1-13 | 2 Peter 1:3-8

SOLID FAITH: 10 CORE BELIEFS



8: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

-Kate B. Wilkinson

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH
Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

HE KNOWS MY NAME

WALKER

He knows my name	I have a Maker, he formed my heart
He knows my every thought	Before even time began my life was in his hands
He sees each tear that falls	
And hears me when I call	I have a Father, he calls me his own
	He'll never leave me no matter where I go

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WELCOME

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

CROSBY/DOANE

Jesus, keep me near the cross	Near the cross, O Lamb of God
There a precious fountain	Bring its scenes before me
Free to all, a healing stream	Help me walk from day to day
Flows from Calvary's mountain	With its shadows o'er me

In the cross, in the cross	Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Be my glory ever	Hoping, trusting ever
Till my raptured soul shall find	Till I reach the golden strand
Rest beyond the river	Just beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul  
Love and mercy found me  
There the bright and morning star  
Sheds its beams around me

Words by Fanny Crosby (1869) Music by W. Howard Doane

DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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NOTES

COMMUNION
Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.
<b>PRAYER</b> If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

PSALM 86:1-13

Hear me, LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.  
Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord,  
for I call to you all day long.  
Bring joy to your servant, Lord,  
for I put my trust in you.  
You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.  
Hear my prayer, LORD;  
listen to my cry for mercy.  
When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.  
Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.  
All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.  
For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.  
Teach me your way, LORD,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.  
I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever.  
For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the depths,  
from the realm of the dead.

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST		PRENTISS/TWIT
More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee	Let sorrow do its work, come grief or pain	
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee	Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain	
This is my earnest plea	When they can sing with me	
More love, O Christ, to thee	More love, O Christ, to thee	
More love, more love, more love to thee	More love, more love, more love to thee	
More love, more love, more love to thee	More love, more love, more love to thee	
Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest	Then shall my latest breath	
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best	Whisper thy praise	
This all my prayer shall be	This be the parting cry my heart shall raise	
More love, O Christ to thee	This still its prayer shall be	
More love, more love, more love to thee	More love, O Christ to thee	
More love, more love, more love to thee	More love, more love, more love to thee	
More love, more love, more love to thee	More love, more love, more love to thee	
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HIGHER GROUND		OATMAN/GABRIEL
I'm pressing on the upward way	My heart has no desire to stay	
New heights I'm gaining every day	Where doubts arise and fears dismay	
Still praying as I'm onward bound	Though some may dwell where those abound	
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground	My prayer, my aim, is higher ground	
Lord, lift me up and let me stand	I want to scale the utmost height	
By faith, on heaven's table land	And catch a gleam of glory bright	
A higher plane than I have found	But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found	
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground	Lord, plant my feet on higher ground	
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RIVER WHERE MERCY FLOWS		MILLER
There is a river where mercy flows	Be made whole, be made whole	
I'm going to follow it where it goes	Broken hearts will be made whole	
Where it goes, where it goes follow		
Wherever it goes	There was a death that empties tombs	
	There was a scar that heals all wounds	
There is a fountain that will cleanse	Heals all wounds, heals all wounds	
All those who wash there from all sins	A scar that heals all wounds	
From all sins, from all sins		
All those who wash from all sins	There is one name that brings us home	
	It is no other than Christ alone	
There is a refuge for wounded souls	Christ alone, Christ alone	
Where broken hearts will be made whole	No other than Christ alone	
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DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER
Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

2 PETER 1:3-8

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.