

ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 2nd Sunday of every month, beginning THIS 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.

Our church will be joining the PTA of Creekside for a **Creekside Landscaping Project** next Thursday, 8/13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Bring a shovel, garden rake, and wheelbarrow for mulch. It's a great and easy way to serve this community.

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. 13 - Sunday Aug. 16. For a fuller schedule and to sign up, please contact Meg Hoffman: 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

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 103 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

SOLID FAITH: 10 CORE BELIEFS



9: LAST THINGS

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now...Come further up, come further in!"

-C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

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.

GATHERING MUSIC: FARTHER ALONG

FLETCHER/BAXTER

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ARISE MY SOUL ARISE

WESLEY/TWIT

Arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on his hands

Five bleeding wounds he bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayer
They strongly plead for me
"Forgive him, oh forgive" they cry
"Forgive him, oh forgive" they cry
"Don't let the ransomed sinner die"

Arise! (arise!) Arise! (arise!)
Arise, arise, my soul, arise
Arise! (arise!) Arise! (arise!)
Arise, arise, my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled
His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for his child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father" cry

He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

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I SURRENDER ALL

VAN DEVENTER/WEEDEN

All to Jesus I surrender
All to him I freely give
I will ever love and trust him
In his presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at his feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I give myself to thee
Fill me with thy love and power
Let thy blessing fall on me

Lyrics by Judson Van Deventer, Music by Winfield Weeden (1896) (Public Domain)

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

WELCOME

PSALM 103

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.
The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.
But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.
The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.
Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, my soul.

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.

PRAYER

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.

FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
 His love endures forever
 For he is good, he is above all things
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
 His love endures forever
 For the life that's been reborn
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong
 Forever God is with us, forever, forever**

TOMLIN

From the rising to the setting sun
 His love endures forever
 By the grace of God we will carry on
 His love endures forever
 Sing praise, sing praise
 Sing praise, sing praise

His love endures forever
 His love endures forever
 His love endures forever, forever

**Forever you are faithful
 Forever you are strong**

Forever you are with us, forever and ever

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NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee
 E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
 Still all my song would be
 Nearer, my God, to thee
 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

Though like the wanderer
 The sun gone down
 Darkness be over me, my rest a stone
 Yet in my dreams I'd be
 Nearer, my God, to thee
 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

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ADAMS/MASON

There let the way appear, steps unto heav'n
 All that Thou sendest me in mercy giv'n
 Angels to beckon me
 Nearer, my God, to thee
 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

The with my waking thoughts
 Bright with thy praise
 Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise
 So by my woes to be
 Nearer, my God, to thee
 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

NEVER ONCE

Standing on this mountaintop
 Looking just how far we've come
 Knowing that for every step you were with us
 Kneeling on this battle ground
 Seeing just how much you've done
 Knowing every victory is your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way
 But with joy our hearts can say
 Yes, our hearts can say

REDMAN/INGRAM/WANSTALL

**Never once did we ever walk alone
 Never once did you leave us on our own
 You are faithful, God, you are faithful**

**Every step we are breathing in your grace
 Evermore we'll be breathing out your praise
 You are faithful, God, you are faithful
 You are faithful, God, you are faithful**

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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.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-17

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.