



BENSON MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sunday, May 10, 2026*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day*

TRINITY CHIMES

† WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Wonderful Words of Life*  
(Philip Bliss, arr. Glenda Austin)

INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*

Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

\* GREETING

Dee Springsteen, Lay Reader

Come, God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

**Our God, loving, nurturing.**

In love, God saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go.

**Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

(Rev. Danyelle Ditmer)

\* OPENING HYMN

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

UMH 152

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**GUEST WIFI PASSWORD: welcome2bmumc!**

\* Please stand as you are able. † Please register your attendance in the friendship pads.

Children are welcome in the service. Children's worship bags are in the narthex.

Nursery care is available in room 113 in the Fellowship Building.

\* OPENING PRAYER

**O God, we humbly ask for your blessing this day as we gather as one people to worship you as one God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May the unity of your being serve to unify us in love and, through your grace, help us to see the divine image in every person born. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

FIRST READING

*[Acts 17:22–31](#)*

ANTHEM

*Spirit of Love*  
(Amanda Udis-Kessler, arr. Ken Janzen)

Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

*[Matthew 5:13-16](#)*

TESTIMONY

Doug Adams

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

\* THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Softly and Tenderly*  
(Will Thompson, arr. Joel Raney)

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\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* TRINITY CHIMES

\* POSTLUDE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

(Rowland Pritchard, arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace)

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**REQUEST FOR PRAYER**

If you would have an urgent and private request for prayer, please contact Terry Simpson at [cterryz@bellsouth.net](mailto:cterryz@bellsouth.net).

**REQUEST FOR VISITATION**

If you know someone undergoing surgery or who would like to be added to the lay pastor visitation list, please contact Leta Grady at (919) 270-2228. All calls are confidential.

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