Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! Think of our church home as your church home. If you are a guest with us, please use the QR code on the right to connect with us!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE MINISTRIES TOY DRIVE

Each year, UUMC hosts a Toy Drive benefiting HOPE Ministries. Monetary donations help purchase toys for underserved children and gift cards for teens in need. You can donate through our giving page or place your contribution in a marked envelope in the offering plate. Please make donations by November 29 so we can purchase and deliver everything by HOPE Ministries' deadline.

Prefer to shop for a toy yourself? Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the church sanctuary on November 29. We ask that you spend $20 - $25 on each toy. Please include batteries if needed. Popular choices include sports balls, dolls, toy cars, and action figures. Please, no toys of violence!

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY

We are still looking for more families/individuals to sign up for our upcoming Church Directory Photography Days, November 19-21. **Need help signing up online? Simply call the church office, and we will be happy to schedule your appointment for you!**

Appointment Times
Thursday & Friday, November 19–20: 2–8:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 21: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHEDULE UPDATE:

The Social Justice Committee Meeting and Social Justice Book Club scheduled for this Sunday have been canceled. The Book Club will still meet on Sunday, December 6, at 4:30 p.m. as originally planned. The Social Justice Committee will resume meeting in the new year, with dates to be announced. Thank you for your understanding!

UUMC GIVING CODE

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY

CHURCH CENTER

THIS WEEK AT UUMC

SUNDAY, November 15

8:30 a.m.	In-person Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Hour
11 a.m.	In-Person Worship & Online Worship
4:15 p.m.	Chapel Choir
5 p.m.	Youth Ministry
5 p.m.	Can We Be More "Vile"?

TUESDAY, November 17

7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 50

WEDNESDAY, November 18

6 p.m.	Agape Ringers Rehearsal
7 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 19

12 p.m.	Executive Committee
2 p.m.	Church Directory Photographs

FRIDAY, November 20

2 p.m.	Church Directory Photographs

SATURDAY, November 21

10 a.m.	Church Directory Photographs

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

the family of Karl Buchholz, including Terri Hammatt, The family of Ann Barney, The family of Beth Courtney, including Bob Courtney, Julia and Tommy Moore, and their family. Bernice Nicholson, Elliot Irby and the Irby family, Bill Nelson, Stacy Hudson, Paul Miktus, Ann Flack, Khetia and Khetie Jean-Louis, Alison McCrary, Mary Juneau, Darby Ralls, Ellen Wiemers, Garrett Ward, Gregg Jones, Jessica Roux's Ukrainian host family, Kristine Hawkins, Lupi Sucre, Maria and Oswaldo Linares, Mindy Piontek, Robert Blackledge, Susan Horton, Susan Pourciau, the family of Arnold Jackson, the Bickham family, Wesley Foundation leadership, Melanie Brooke Civils, and all those in our congregation who are in nursing homes or homebound.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN?

Would you like to share your prayer concern with our Prayer Team or Ministers? Please submit your prayers using a prayer card in the pews or submit a digital form through the 'Let Us Pray' form located near the bottom of our website. If you need pastoral care, please call the church office. After hours, dial 3 to be transferred to a pastor.

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Release Requires Risk

(What Makes a 'Good and Faithful Servant' Anyway?)



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A community of grace, hope and unconditional love.
Grounded by faith, inspired by discovery and compelled to serve,
from our home on the LSU campus, outward to the world.

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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices including cell phones. Please stand as you are able at points marked †

WELCOME & INVITATION TO CENTER FOR WORSHIP
"COME TO THE EDGE." "No we will fall."
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They came to the edge. He pushed them.
And they flew.
~ Guillaume Apollinaire

CENTERING MUSIC
Take My Life and Let It Be, arr. Victor Labenske

†CALL TO WORSHIP
The kingdom of heaven is like treasure placed in our hands to be used for God's glory.
This treasure is given to us not because we earned it, but because the Lord of heaven and earth trusts us to use it well.

Two servants did not stop to wonder whether their lord was harsh. They trusted his heart, and they longed to please him.
We trust the heart of our God: generous, faithful, and kind. We will not bury what God's love has given us.

Faithfulness is not measured by how much we hold, but by how freely we offer it back.
Here are our hands, our time, our gifts. Small things, gladly risked for the One true God, the One we love.

May we hear at last,
"Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the kingdom of heaven." Come, let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN
UMH 150 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI
UMH 71 Gloria Patri

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
(Little ones - pre-K and under - are invited to our nursery for loving care and a good time! They're just as welcome to stay right here with you, wiggles, giggles, and all. You know your family best, and we're glad you're here!)

SUNG INVITATION TO PRAYER
UMH 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be vv. 1 & 2

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT *Betty Backstrom*
HOPE Ministries

OFFERING *Jeff Albright*

OFFERTORY
(8:30 a.m.) Chapel Choir
A Thanksgiving Garden by Joseph M Martin; Elise Strain, Piano
(11 a.m.) The King of Love My Shepherd Is, arr. John Ness Beck ; Janis Kile Roux, Piano

†DOXOLOGY
UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

†SCRIPTURE
Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON
"Release Requires Risk" (What Makes a 'Good and Faithful Servant' Anyway?)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†CLOSING HYMN
TFWS 2153 I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me

*(**8:30 a.m.**) At this time K-5 can meet Mrs. Susannah in the front lobby of the church to attend Children's Choir and Children's Sunday School.*

†BENEDICTION
The main thing that matters
is faith working through love.
Go, then, loving people;
sharing our faith by loving our neighbors

POSTLUDE
This is the Day, arr. Mark Hayes



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Senior Minister
Rev. Jay Hogewood, Ph.D.

Associate Minister & Director of the Wesley Foundation
Rev. Mary Rachel Moore

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Dr. Johnnie Bankens

Director of Youth and Children's Choirs
Dr. Susannah Craig

Director of Youth Ministries
Colin Winslette

Director of Children's Ministries
Elise Strain

Piano
Janis Kile Roux

Scripture Reader
(8:30 a.m.) *Tommy Damico*
(11 a.m.) *Steve Backstrom*

Children's Moment
(8:30 a.m.) *Lucy Smith*
(11 a.m.) *Colin Winslette*