



HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

Welcome Home



HomeMoravian.org

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Founded 1771

Fulfilling Christ's call to love God, live in community, and serve our neighbor.

*"Let thine eye be opened toward this house night and day,
even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there."*

- Text for the day on which the Site of Salem was selected.

Salem Square

Winston-Salem, NC

ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2026
WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “*Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.*” 1 Peter 5:7

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE: “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” T. Bradbury
Dorothy A. Thrupp

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Stewardship*, pages 154-158

STEWARDSHIP

(Standing)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

DUKE STREET (22 Q)

Join hearts and voices as we lift our grat - i -
tude for ev - 'ry gift, and mul - ti - ply each
gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.

TEXT: © by Jane Parker Huber

Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

STEWARDSHIP

(Kneeling or sitting)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Sitting)

WELWYN



O ho - ly God, whose gra - cious pow'r re - deems us,
make us, by faith, true stew - ards of your grace,
help us to hear and heed Christ's great com - mis - sion,
shar - ing good news in this our time and place.

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STEWARDSHIP

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be opened to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

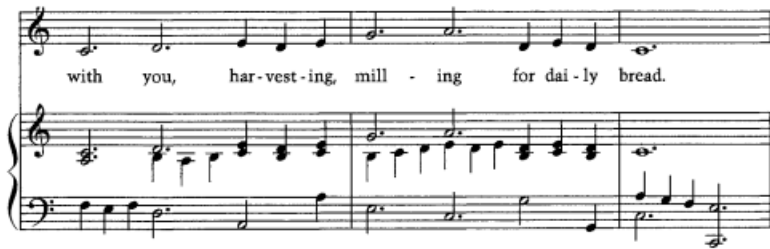
Use us, God of the covenant — use our time, our talent, our treasure.

BUNESSAN

Bless, Lord, the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The vocal line is on a single treble clef staff. The piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines.

STEWARDSHIP



TEXT: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). ©1988 by Oxford University Press (from hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving")
 TUNE: Setting © by Brian Henkelmann

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

STEWARDSHIP

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

(Standing)

TOULON

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 'Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill, to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new, that our whole life is of - fered to your will.'

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). ©1988 by Oxford University Press

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts —

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives —

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Luke 24:44-53

During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Children's Worship leaders to continue their worship in CE- 106.

HYMN 384 - *My Lord of Light*..... T. Barbara Allen

TRINITY

384 **My Lord of Light**

Unison

1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in
2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a
3 My Lord of life who came in fire when
4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to

wis - dom you have spo - ken, — but those who heard your
sin - ner's death en - dur - ing: — for us you wore a
Christ was high as - cend - ed: — your burn - ing love is
your pure name be giv - en — all glo - ry now and

wise com - mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken. —
crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing. —
now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed. —
ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav - en. —

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BARBARA ALLEN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

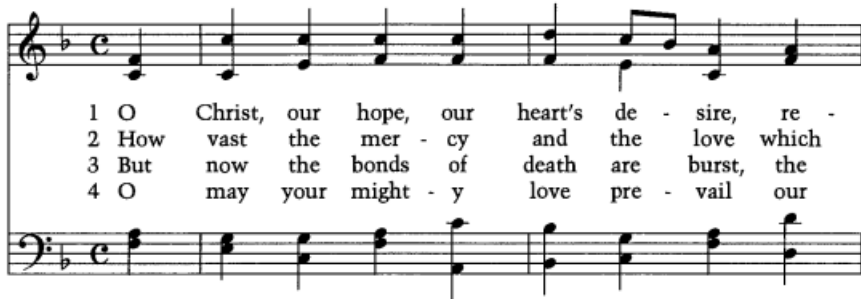
SERMON: *Why Do You Stand Looking Up into Heaven?*

HYMN 374 -

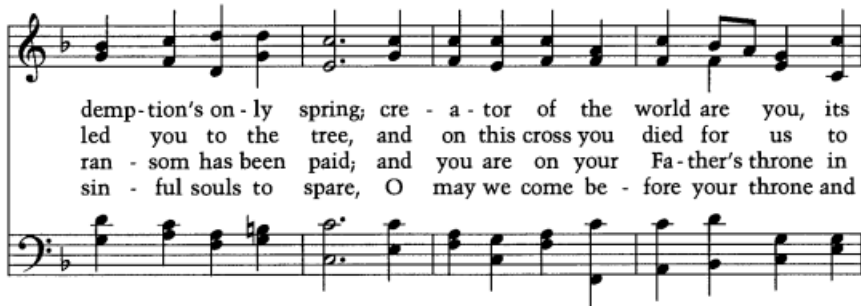
O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire...T. Lobt Gott, ihr Christen

ASCENSION

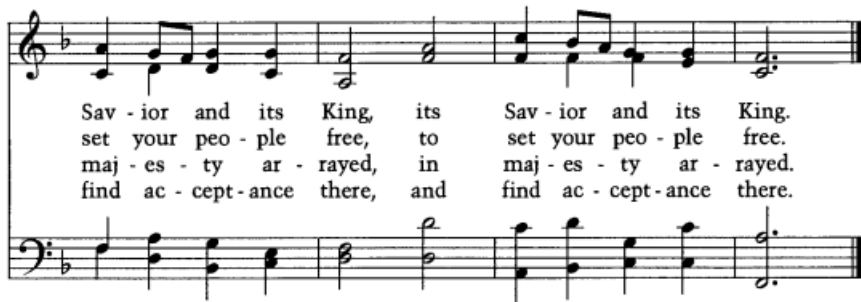
374 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire



1 O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, re -
2 How vast the mer - cy and the love which
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the
4 O may your might - y love pre - vail our



demp-tion's on - ly spring; cre - a - tor of the world are you, its
led you to the tree, and on this cross you died for us to
ran - som has been paid; and you are on your Fa - ther's throne in
sin - ful souls to spare, O may we come be - fore your throne and



Sav - ior and its King, its Sav - ior and its King.
set your peo - ple free, to set your peo - ple free.
maj - es - ty ar - rayed, in maj - es - ty ar - rayed.
find ac - cept - ance there, and find ac - cept - ance there.

5 All praise to you, ascended Lord,
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit now
and through eternity.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent. Tr. John Chandler [1837], alt.
TUNE: Nikolaus Hermann (c. 1480-1561)

C.M.
LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries foundation giving portal at <http://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to HomeMoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATION..... Rev. Tobiassen

ANTHEM: *At the Name of Jesus*..... Ralph Vaughan Williams
Home Church Choir

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him king of glory now. 'Tis the father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array. Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed; bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast, filled it with the glory of that perfect rest. Name him, Christians, name him with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true. Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him king of glory now.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

HYMN 372 - *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*..... T. Darwall

ASCENSION

372 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -
 2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow
 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall

joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are giv'n. Lift up your
 down at his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your
 gath - er all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. We soon shall

hear the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joi - ce!

heart, lift up your voice, re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!
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TEXT: Charles Wesley (1744), alt. 6.6.6.8.8.
 TUNE: John Darwall (1770) DARWALL (342 D)
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832 - *The Grace of Our Lord*

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.
We invite you to continue fellowship as you exit.

SERVICE MUSIC

832 The Grace of Our Lord

The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of
God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
be with us all, be with us all. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time, the second in 3/4 time, and the third in 3/4 time. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare*.....Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (ages 3 and up), *Ascension*
FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom
BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom
CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building

The Zinzendorf Class will not meet this week. We invite you to attend the "Lunch and Learn" event sponsored by HMC youth featuring news about Happy Hill and the Shotgun House.

Announcements

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Betty Lou and Terry Minnis and Linda and Keith Smith* by Terry Ann and John Overton.

Our youth invite us to a special Lunch and Learn today in the Fellowship Hall following worship. This is an opportunity to learn from our youth about the history of Happy Hill and the Shotgun House Legacy Site. A lunch of traditional soul food will be prepared and served by the youth, who will also bring materials from the Shotgun House project to tell us more about the mission of the museum and the history it will preserve. Abrea Armstrong, Executive Director of Triad Cultural Arts, will be present, along with Home Church members involved with the project. Come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, education, and engagement!

Home Church is hosting the Winston-Salem Street School's 2026 graduation on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 pm, and we need outside greeters to guide guests from parking to the sanctuary. If you know the way, you're ready to help. You will be done by 8:00 pm! Contact Mark Wright at allcomm21@gmail.com or 336-618-1962. WSSS provides an alternative path for students to earn their high school diploma.

The Annual Church Picnic will be held Sunday, May 31, immediately following worship. Join us for a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall, with chicken and desserts provided by the church. Please bring a favorite covered dish to share. We hope to see you there!

Join us this summer for Band Play Around at New Philadelphia from June 10 – August 26! Bring your instrument, green and blue Chorale books, and love of music each Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. Whether you come every week or just occasionally, it's a fun and relaxed way to play together and reconnect.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

CALENDAR

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| Sunday | - | 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | | 11:15 am | Educational Programming (see box) Lunch and Learn, Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | - | 8:30 am | Men of Church Breakfast, Club Room |
| Wednesday | - | 7:00 am | Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant |
| | | 4:00 pm | Women's Fellowship Crafting Group, Parlor |
| Thursday | - | 11:30am | Men of Church Lunch, Club Room |
| Sunday | - | 10:00 am | Worship Service |

Youth News: Please join us after worship for our Shotgun House Lunch and Learn in the Fellowship Hall!

Scripture Meditation 5/17/2026

“Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished.”– Psalms 69:7

It has not rained much this year. In fact, in the last 132 years, it’s been the third-driest year on record in Winston-Salem. But for many of us, droughts don’t affect us in the way that they used to. Local plants and animals suffer, but if you don’t garden or follow the news, you might not even realize how little rain has fallen this year. Our food systems are so sophisticated that we are sustained through hard times without even realizing it.

In the time of the Israelites, a year as dry as this one would signal great suffering for many, and they used psalms both to vocalize their frustrations and to show gratitude in times of plenty. We’re very lucky that we’re not at the mercy of nature quite as much as we used to be, but we’ve also lost that deep connection to God’s creation. In our modern society, we have to make an intentional effort to be grateful.

Next time you are at the grocery store, take a second to look at where your food comes from. Even in the middle of winter, you’ll be able to find avocados and tomatoes from Mexico and kiwis from New Zealand. That is a miracle, and I’m grateful that we have so much food even in a time of great drought.

– Philip

May 31
11AM - 2PM

CHURCH PICNIC

Food, Fellowship, and Fun



**Potluck Meal in the Fellowship Hall
Chicken Provided
Ice Cream Sundaes
on the Square**

*Please, no desserts for the potluck.
Dessert will be provided.



*You're
Invited*



WINSTON-SALEM
STREET SCHOOL



**More than 25 students are expected to receive
their accredited high school diploma!**

Reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

For those unable to attend in-person, the ceremony will also
be livestreamed on the
Home Moravian Church Facebook page.
(Streaming will begin 10-15 minutes prior to the event.)

How to get involved and support the WSSS

- Financial contributions
- In-kind gifts (snacks, school supplies, graduation gifts)
- Support the Sylvia Shelton Memorial Fall Luncheon, Share the Love Valentine's Gala, and Feet for the Street Race fundraising initiatives
- Volunteer your time as a tutor or mentor
- Provide lunch for our students
- Follow the WSSS on social media including Facebook, Instagram, or X.
- Pray for the continued success of our students & program



Scan the QR codes to:

<<<<< Make a DONATION

Provide a LUNCH >>>>>



HMC Women's Fellowship | Unity Woman's Desk Crafting Group

Fun and socializing will be the top priority!
Bring your own craft to work on or learn a new one.



*Sessions at Home Moravian Parlor
Wednesdays, 4PM - 6PM*

We will have a focus craft each month:

- **May 20** - Frobel Stars
- **June 17** - Czech Easter Eggs & UWD Fundraiser
- **July 15** - Soap Felting
- **August 19** - Crafting with Lynn Waggoner



*Sessions at the Second Boys' School
Wednesdays 5PM - 7PM*



At the Boys' School sessions Julie Tomberlin will have demonstrations of how to make crafts she sells at the Global Market.

(beading bracelets, making pom-pom animals, felt bird and llama ornaments, origami gift bags for jewelry & small items, and origami bookmarks made with lokta paper from Nepal.)

May 27 | June 10 & 24 | July 1, 8, 22, & 29 | August 5 & 12

**Check the UWD Global Market
website for updates!**

SCAN ME!



Save the Date! Sunday, June 14, 4-6 PM

The Home Church Community Engagement Team and the Forsyth IAF Sponsoring Committee invite you to...

- **Build Relationships**
- **Be a Witness for Your Values**
- **Strengthen the Church's Voice in the Community**

Since February 2023, members of our Home Church Community Engagement Team (CET) have talked with more than 100 Home Church members to hear their concerns for the people of Forsyth County. Among the top concerns were **homelessness; education; and access to mental health care.**

By building relationships with members of other local churches and institutions, our CET has learned that these same concerns are top priorities across Forsyth County.

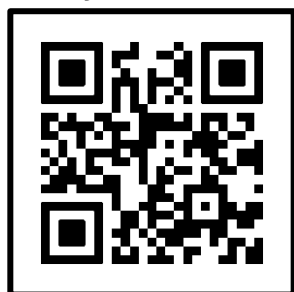
On Sunday, June 14, the CET will draw on the power of relationships to make a difference in Forsyth County. We will join with hundreds of Forsyth's faithful to meet with city, county, and corporate leaders, asking them for commitments to specific, practical proposals that address our shared concerns.

Because there is strength, voice, and credibility in numbers, the goal is to assemble 1,000 people. **Home Church has pledged to bring at least 50 members and friends!**

To see the proposals, use the QR code in the left corner. If you find that they align with your values and your concerns, **we hope you'll use the QR code in the right corner to register for the Founding Assembly.**

God gives voice to the church to transform the world—and **EACH CHURCH MEMBER'S PRESENCE AT THIS ASSEMBLY STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH'S VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

Sunday, June 14, 4-6 PM, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr., Winston-Salem



Need a ride?
Call the church office
to arrange a carpool!



Invited into Relationship

On the night before his death, Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples. Afterward, he prayed for those the Father had given him. Having revealed the Father and the Son whom the Father sent, he had shared the knowledge that gave eternal life. This was not mere intellectual knowledge, but the kind of knowledge that brought them into a deep, living relationship with both Father and Son. It is the kind of relationship that would also allow the disciples to experience a communion similar to what Jesus shared with the Father.

Christians have long called the Trinity a mystery: three persons, each fully God, and yet there is only one God. At the heart of that mystery is relationship—a single divine life held together by perfect love. Jesus also asked the Father that his followers would “be one, as we are one.” There is a clear through-line from Jesus’ prayer to us. Christians today, like the original disciples, are meant to be one. Yet this unity does not erase individuality. Unity in Christ is not bland sameness. If our oneness reflects the oneness of the Father and the Son, it preserves distinctiveness while binding us together in love.

Perhaps we should not be surprised that unity feels elusive when real people meet and share real differences. Fortunately, Jesus does not leave us to manufacture unity on our own. When we gather for worship, we come not merely as individuals, but as a people being shaped into one body in Christ. We are invited into relationship with the Triune God; that relationship is nurtured; and then we are sent back into the world to reflect that life in the way we love one another. Unity is a gift God is continually working to bring into being through relationship, worship, and prayer.

*Barbara Styers, pastor, Greensboro Moravian Church,
Greensboro, North Carolina*

The Moravian Church

Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2026



HOME
MORAVIAN CHURCH

Welcome Home

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*
Jacob Cook, *Interim Director of Music* Edwin Walker, *Interim Organist*
Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation*
Philip Montgomery, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*
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