

Order of Worship

We livestream worship on Facebook and YouTube each week, so people at home are able to worship along with us. While we strongly encourage everyone to move up to fill in the front of the sanctuary, please know that you might be visible on the screen if seated in the first few rows. If you prefer not to be on camera, we recommend sitting toward the back.

Welcome/ Announcements Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

***Congregational Song** “For the Healing of the Nations” - Chalice Hymnal #668

Call to Worship Lin Orrin

One: Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,
God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

**All: Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,
God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.**

One: Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace,
God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.

Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

All: Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Lin Orrin

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Anthem "I Am" by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Hilliard, UCC Choir

Scripture - Matthew 22:37-40 Lin Orrin

All children elementary age and younger are invited to gather in the back for Worship and Wonder in Room 3

Sermon Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

***Sermon Response Song** “In This Time of Great Reflection”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering “Faith of our Fathers” by Hemy-Walton, arr. by Hustad and Smith;
Nancy Randall, piano and Sara Hindsley, organ

Thank you for your generosity! Offerings/donations, written prayer requests, and contact cards can be placed in the plates as they are passed. If you prefer to give online, you may do so using this QR code.



Communion Song “I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” - Chalice Hymnal #424

Celebrating Communion Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. Please take a kit from the tray, and serve the person next to you. We partake together once everyone is served.
Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.*

***Congregational Song** “O God of Every Nation” Chalice Hymnal #680

*If you would like to like to receive prayer from one of our elders,
please come forward during the song or following the benediction.*

Benediction Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour!
Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.*

A heartfelt thank you to Sophia, Ransom, and Lennox Fisher for sharing their time and creativity with this week's liturgical arts decorations. We are grateful for your generous help!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ballroom Dance Class – Join us on Wednesday, July 8, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Narthex for a ballroom dance class. All skill levels are welcome. See Ricardo Chapa for more information.

Silver Chalice Outing – Wednesday, July 15. Join the Silver Chalice Group (60+) for a tour of the beautiful water lily and lotus gardens at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, followed by lunch at Akira in Hyattsville. Meet at UCC at 9:00 a.m. Sign up by July 12 at the Welcome Table or contact Lin Orrin.

Congregational Retreat - Registration coming soon! Save the date for our congregational retreat at Bethany beach from September 11-13. Registration will open in July, so stay tuned!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Lin Orrin, cup; John Farley, bread
Deacons: Chris Poell, Bhamini Prem, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Kitty Williams, Leah Williams

This Week In the Life of the Church

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30pm - Dance Class
Thursday, July 9, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study

Coming Soon

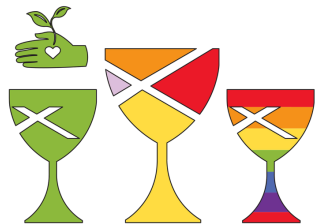
Wednesday, July 15, 9:00am - Silver Chalice Outing
Sunday, July 19, 10:00am - Summer Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, July 28, 7:00pm - Legacy Builders Information Session

Mission & Welcome Statement

Our congregation believes we are called by God to reflect and celebrate the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. All people are invited to share in the life and leadership of our church, and to participate in the joys and challenges of Christian Discipleship. Our diversity is treasured. Individual differences are embraced, such as age, race, economic status, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, and physical and mental ability.

*We feel empowered by the Holy Spirit to change, grow, and learn,
as we listen carefully to what God is calling us to do and be.*

*Especially, we hear God's call to reach out in love and service to others, promoting justice and compassion for all
God's children and all God's creation.*



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UCC is LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming and a Green Chalice Congregation

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:45am



Welcome to University Christian Church

We are glad you're here!

**An all-gender/ family accessible restroom is located
toward the beginning of the hallway off the narthex;
men's and women's rooms are at the end of the hall.**

**Nursery is available for infants & toddlers; a children's quiet
play area is available in the back of the sanctuary.**

**If this is your first time, please fill out the contact card and place
it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter.**