

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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” - Chalice Hymnal #2

Call to Worship Marcia Mityga

One: God who is One, You call us to be one,

ALL: May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

One: God who is Three, You call us to be community,

ALL: May we find community with all who are called by Your name.

One: God who calls us all by Your name,

ALL: May find our place in Your eternal family.

*Please be seated

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Marcia Mityga

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 "Wayfaring Stranger" arranged by Robert De Cormier, UCC Choir

Scripture - Matthew 18:15-20 Marcia Mityga

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 “Draw the Circle Wide”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering

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 “Seed, Scattered and Sown” - Chalice Hymnal #395

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 “When in Awe of God's Creation” - Chalice Hymnal #688

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Garden Work Day - Today! Following worship, we will be beginning work on the Community Garden . Wear (or bring a change of) comfortable clothes to get dirty in, garden gloves if you have them, and help us care for our space!

Silver Chalice Jamaica Trip – Informational Zoom. Lorel is planning a group trip to his home country in January 2027. Learn more at an informational Zoom session on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is in the eNews. See Lorel for more information.

Silver Chalice Potluck - September 23 @ 11:30am - Everyone 60-ish and above/ retired is invited! Please see the announcement in the Enews (or Pastor Sara) for more information.

Special Preacher on September 27 - Rev. Julio Hernandez with Congregation Action Network (which UCC is a part of) will be sharing about his work and ministry in worship. You won’t want to miss this very special event!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Lorel Morrison, cup; John Zager, bread
Deacons: Lennox Fisher, Amy Pate, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Chris & Linda Bock, Katrina Dodro

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, September 20 - Community Garden Work Day
Monday, September 21, 7:00pm - Silver Chalice Jamaica Trip (Informational Zoom)
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 23, 11:30am - Silver Chalice Potluck

Coming Soon

Sunday, September 27 - Special Preacher
Sunday, September 27, 12:00pm - Elders Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

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



*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.