

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 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” - Chalice Hymnal #6

Call to Worship Marcia Mityga

One: Though the storm clouds of doubt and fear threaten to overcome us
ALL: God leads us into ways of peace.

One: When the darkness of war and the deep pit of anger reach toward us
ALL: God lifts and carries us through the darkness with hope and light.

One: Lord of hope and life, be with us today.
ALL: God of mercy and peace, lead our lives. AMEN.

*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.

Scripture - Matthew 14:22-33 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 “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering “Pass It On” - Penny Nelkin, vocal and piano
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 “Here Is Bread” - Chalice Praise #161

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, Our Help in Ages Past” - Chalice Hymnal #67
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

Back to School Sunday - August 23 - We’ll be recognizing our students and educators as they begin another school year! School Supply Drive items are requested by this date as well.

Regional Discussion - August 30 @ 12:30pm at North Chevy Chase Christian Church - Everyone is invited to attend this important discussion about our Region, as we consider a restructure. Please see Pastor Sara to RSVP or for more information.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: John Zager, cup; Shirley Morrison, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Barbara Dunn, Sam Meyer, Patty Rhule

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Sara & Bob Hindsley

This Week In the Life of the Church

Friday, August 14, 10:30am - Silver Chalice Trip

Coming Soon

Sunday, August 16, 10:00am - Summer Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm - Dance Class

Sunday, August 23 - Back to School Sunday

Saturday, August 29, 12:00pm - Disciples Women Event

Sunday August 30, 1:00pm - Regional Discussion

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, August 9, 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.**