

Order of Worship

Welcome/ Announcements

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

"Shout to the North" - Chalice Praise #40

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise God in the sanctuary.

One: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

ALL: Praise God in the earth and skies.

One: Sing praises to the Lord.

ALL: Shout and sing praises to God.

One: We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

ALL: We have seen the Lord's greatness.

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

ALL: Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Kitty Shaver

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.

Song of Celebration

"Ste p By Step" - Chalice Praise #14

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

Anthem

"Lift Every Voice and Sing", UCC Choir

Scripture - Isaiah 35:1-10

Kitty Shaver

Sermon

John Rudenko

*Sermon Response Song

"Restless Weaver" - Chalice Hymnal #658

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

"Up to the Mountain" by Patty Griffin - Lauren Calve, Mezzo Soprano

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

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" - Chalice Hymnal#422

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

"Sing a New World Into Being" (tune: Joyful, Joyful)

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

John Rudenko

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Bible Study Resumes - On January 21 at noon in Room 5, John Rudenko will be leading this study on the New Testament. See him for more information!

Silver Chalice Gathering - Join us on Wednesday, January 28 for a tour of President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, D.C. We will meet at UCC at 9. Our tour will be at 10. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Please confirm your attendance by giving your payment to John Rudenko or Patty Rhule by January 19. Tickets will be purchased this week.

20s/30s/40s Event: Super Bowl Party! - On Sunday, February 8 we'll gather for fun and to watch the big game. If you're in this age group and want to attend, see John Rudenko for more details.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: John Farley, cup; Marcia Mityga, bread

Deacons: Ramona Crawford, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marie Pichaske, Frank Randall, Linda Bock, Marcia Mityga

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, January 18 - John Rudenko Preaching

Sunday, January 18 - Nominating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 20 @ 7:00pm - Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 21 - In Person Bible Study Resumes

Coming Soon

Sunday, January 25 @ 12:15pm - Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, January 28 - Silver Chalice Event

Sunday, February 8 - 20s/30s/40s Super Bowl Party

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, January 18, 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.