

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** “O God of Vision” - Chalice Hymnal #288

Call to Worship Prince Prem

One: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

ALL: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

ALL: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

ALL: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Prince Prem

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.

Monthly Mission Focus: Pentecost Offering Video

Special Music Pat Hindsley

Scripture - Genesis 12:1-9 Prince Prem

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** “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” - Chalice Hymnal #278

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering “Blessed Assurance” by Phoebe Knapp - Nancy Randall

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 Break Bread Together” - Chalice Hymnal #425

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** “Days of Elijah”

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.

Thank you to everyone who brought decorations for the chancel area as we celebrate AAPI Month together: Linda Bock, Sara Hindsley, Seong Minne Koh, Bhamini Prem and Jen Russell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Sunday - On May 24, wear red (or orange or yellow)! We're going for fiery colors! John Rudenko will be preaching and leading in worship.

Silver Chalice Boat Tour - On Thursday May 28, 2026 our Silver Chalice Ministry will take a Boat Ride down the Anacostia River arranged by Victoria Greenspan. Price \$10 per person and the ride will be in the later morning; a picnic lunch is included! Please RSVP to John Rudenko.

20s/30s/40s Hike - Saturday, May 30th at Great Falls Park in Maryland. Mark your calendars! This will be a morning event, starting around 8:00am. Please RSVP to John Rudenko.

Graduation & Milestone Sunday - On May 31, we'll celebrate graduates of all levels and other milestones such as retirement, certifications, marathons, and more. Please share your graduation or milestone with Pastor Sara by May 21 to be included in the celebration.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Prince Prem, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread

Deacons: Treedy Chapa, Sophia Fisher, Marie Pichaske, Pete Pichaske

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Prince & Bhamini Prem

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 20, 12:00pm - In Person Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30pm - Dance Class

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00pm - Finance Committee Zoom Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study

Coming Soon

Wednesday, May 27 - Board Meeting

Thursday, May 28 - Silver Chalice Boat Tour

Sunday, May 31 - Graduation & Milestone Sunday

Sunday, June 14 - Congregational Budget Meeting

Wednesday, June 17 - Silver Chalice Potluck at church

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, May 17, 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.