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** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" - Chalice Hymnal #718

Call to Worship Frank Randall

One: Shouts of joy! Songs of praise! Sounds of hope and love!
ALL: These are moments of thanksgiving – thanks giving to our God!

One: We are God's people, led by God's love.
Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving and God's house full of praise!
God's love is never ending.
ALL: On this day of the harvest, God has brought us into this place to be together.

One: Let us worship God in thanks and praise.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Frank Randall

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 "Gift of Finest Wheat" by Robert E. Kreutz, UCC Choir

Scripture - Psalm 65 (CEB) Frank Randall

Sermon Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

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 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" - Chalice Hymnal #606

Celebrating Communion John Rudenko

We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited.
If you did not receive a Communion Kit when you arrived, please see a deacon. We will partake together.
Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

***Congregational Song** "Now Thank We All Our God" - Chalice Hymnal #715

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

Hanging of the Greens – TODAY! Enjoy a shortened worship service featuring our Advent and Christmas decorations, followed by fellowship and decorating for Advent!

Advent Special: In-Person Bible Study - Explore the story of The Birth of Jesus during three Advent Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, at 6:30 p.m. at UCC. All are welcome! Feel free to bring something to share. To RSVP, email John Rudenko at uccmdintern@gmail.com.

Gamer Symphony Orchestra Concert – Sunday, December 6 Those who are willing and able are invited to attend a concert featuring our very own UCC Music Director, Claire Huang, performing with and helping lead the University of Maryland's Gamer Symphony Orchestra. The concert is free and takes place on campus on Sunday, December 6, with performances at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please contact John Rudenko to sign up.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: John Farley, cup; Lin Orin, bread
Deacons: Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Ricardo & Treedy Chapa

This Week In the Life of the Church

Monday, November 23 - Board Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, November 24, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 26, 7:00pm on Zoom - Bible Study

Coming Soon

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 2, 6:30pm - In Person Bible Study
Sunday, December 6 - 20s/30s/40s Gamer Symphony Orchestra Concert at UMD
Wednesday, December 9 - Silver Chalice tour of National Cathedral
Sunday, December 13, in worship - Christmas Choir Cantata

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.