

# 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 For a Thousand Tongues” - Chalice Hymnal #5

Call to Worship Judy Walter

One: We come to worship our God,  
to listen to the One who calls us here.  
ALL: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days,  
as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.

One: We come to worship our God,  
to shout with joy to the God of all people.  
ALL: We come to the Creator of all things,  
to be bathed in the waters of life.

One: We come to the Feast of God's faithful,  
to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.  
ALL: We come to worship our God,  
to sing aloud to the One who saves us.

*\*Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Judy Walter

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 “I Know Where I’m Going” arranged by James Moffatt, UCC Choir

Scripture - Genesis 29-33

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 “Your Love Defends Me”

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 “When You Do This, Remember Me” - Chalice Hymnal #400

Celebrating Communion Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher  
We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. We partake together once everyone is served. Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

\*Congregational Song “Here I Am, Lord” - Chalice Hymnal #452  
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

**Regional Discussion – Today!** Join us after worship at North Chevy Chase Christian Church for a regional discussion about the future of the Christian Church in the Capital Area. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Pastor Sara if you plan to attend.

**Choir Rehearsals Resume** - Regular choir rehearsals resume Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the UCC Choir Room. Rehearsals will continue every Tuesday. All choir members are welcome!

**Regional Assembly is coming!** It will be held at Michigan Park Christian Church from October 15-17. The cost is \$100 (Thursday dinner and Friday lunch and dinner are included). You can find out more and register at CCCAdisciples.org.

**Thank you to those serving today:**

Elders: Linda Bock, cup; Jesse Brande, bread

Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Lin Orrin

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marie Pichaske, Nancy Myers

**This Week In the Life of the Church**

Today, 12:30pm - Regional Restructure Discussion

Monday, August 31, 7:00pm - Board Meeting

**Coming Soon**

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal Resumes

Wednesday, September 9, 7:00pm - Ministry Table Meeting

September 11-13 - Congregational Retreat @ Bethany Beach

**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 30, 2026

10:45 am



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.