

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** “Now Thank We All Our God” - Chalice Hymnal #715

Call to Worship Kitty Williams

One: We join together as hungry eaters
to be nourished by the food that you offer us.
ALL: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

One: As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread
and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine,
tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.
ALL: God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

One: The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready
to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.
ALL: Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Kitty Williams
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 "Prayer to Jesus" by Ned Rorem, UCC Choir

Scripture - Matthew 14:13-21 Kitty Williams

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** “His Eye is On the Sparrow” - Chalice Hymnal #82

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 “One Bread, One Body” - Chalice Hymnal #393

Celebrating Communion Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher
We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seats down the side aisle. Gluten-free individually packaged kits are also available when you come forward. If you prefer to be served in your seat, a deacon and elder will serve you. The bread does contain gluten; the kits and the chalice contain grape juice.

***Congregational Song** “God of Justice”
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

Silver Chalice Trip – August 14 Join the Silver Chalice group for a tour of the College Park Airport Museum at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at Ledo’s. Meet at church at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. RSVP to Barbara Dunn or sign up at the Deacons’ Table by August 7.

Back-to-School Supply Drive – Through August 22 Help UCC Disciples Women fill 125 Church World Service school kits by donating supplies in the collection box in the Narthex. We’re also collecting backpacks for local students. See Pastor Sara for details.

Share Summer Flowers - If you have summer flowers to share, we’d love for you to help brighten our sanctuary for Sunday worship. Please feel free to take them home after the service.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Amparo Duff, cup; Sara Hindsley, bread

Deacons: Lennox Fisher, Sophia Fisher, Pamela Graham, Bill Wallace

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Patty Rhule & Chris Poell, Leah Williams

This Week In the Life of the Church

Wednesday, August 5, 6:30pm - Dance Class

Coming Soon

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

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

Sunday August 30, 1:00pm - Regional Meeting

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 2, 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.