

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 "Jesu, Jesu" - Chalice Hymnal #600

Call to Worship Barbara Bice

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord:
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

People: We come seeking to walk in God’s ways,
longing to set aside our hate and love one another.

Leader: Hear the word of Jesus:
"You shall love the Lord your God and
You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

People: With all that we have left,
we turn to God and one another.

Leader: God commands us to care for the poor and the marginalized:
the orphan, the widow, and the immigrant living among us.

People: God delivers those who are needy,
those who are poor, and those who cry for help.

Leader: On these commands hang all the law and the prophets.
Come, let us worship God together in obedience, righteousness, and love.

All: Amen. Let us praise the Lord!

*Please be seated

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Barbara Bice

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 “God of the Small Things” by Craig Courtney

Scripture - Leviticus 19: 17-18, 32-34; Matthew 22: 34-40 Barbara Bice

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

Sermon John Rudenko

* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

*Sermon Response Song "To the Stranger May We Give Welcome" - Chalice Praise #125

Pastoral Prayer John Rudenko

Offering “Blessed Assurance” arr. by Cindy Berry - Nancy Randall, piano
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 "Table of Plenty"

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 "Called as Partners In Christ's Service" - Chalice Hymnal #453
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

20s/30s/40s Group - Anyone who has participated in the 20s/30s/40s Group or is interested in participating please feel welcome to remain in the sanctuary for a few minutes after worship to look ahead at our next few activities!

All Saints Sunday Memorial Gifts - On All Saints Sunday, we remember loved ones who have died in the past year. We are starting a new tradition, where you can honor any loved one (even if not connected to UCC or who passed before this past year) through a gift to the UCC Permanent Fund, and we will have those names printed in the bulletin next week. If you would like to make a gift in memory of someone, you can do so at the Welcome Table, or using the link found in last week's Enews.

Fall Faith & Fellowship – October 28, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fellowship with Faith in Action and a bonfire (weather permitting)! We will talk about ways UCC can be engaged with justice work, and will spend time in prayer for the elections happening next week.

Thanksgiving Drive - We will be collecting disposable razors, wash cloths, and individual packs of tissue for The Day Center's Thanksgiving Drive. Please have items to the church by November 15.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Ramona Crawford, cup; Jesse Brande, bread

Deacons: Lennox Fisher, Pamela Graham, Lin Orrin, Amy Pate

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Nancy Randall, Linda Bock, Sara Nave-Fisher

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30pm - Fall Faith & Fellowship/Bonfire

Thursday, October 29, 7:00pm on Zoom - Bible Study

Coming Soon

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday In Worship

Wednesday, November 11, 6:30pm - Middle Ages Dinner

Sunday, November 15 - Day Center Drive Items Due

Wednesday, November 18, 11:30am - Silver Chalice Thanksgiving Lunch

Saturday, November 21, 1:30pm - Disciples Women Study

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.