

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, Christians, Join to Sing” - Chalice Hymnal #90

Call to Worship

Janise Allyn-Smith

Leader: The land holds us, sky breathes in us.

ALL: Trees stand around us like ancestors. Birds sing to us like friends. Rivers flow with tears of joy.

Leader: The Creator of the universe has made us, the rising sun proclaims God’s goodness.

ALL: All Creation is God’s love poured out; we receive it with joy, care for it with gratitude, and in unity with all Creation we worship God. Alleluia!

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Janise Allyn-Smith

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

"All in the April Evening" by Hugh S. Robertson, UCC Choir

Monthly Mission Focus: Green Chalice

Lin Orrin

Scripture - John 15:1-5, 9-12

Hanford Smith (Smitty)

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

“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky” - Chalice Hymnal #684

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering

“Secret Garden” - Lauren Calve, guitar, mezzo soprano

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

“Morning Has Broken” - Chalice Praise #53

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

“God of the Fertile Fields” - Chalice Hymnal #695

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

Annual Congregational Meeting - It will be held on Sunday, April 26 after worship. We hope to see you there!

Silver Chalice April Outing – Join the Silver Chalice group (age 60+ but all are welcome) on Wednesday, April 29 for a Bonsai Tour of National Arboretum. Meet at UCC at 10:15 a.m. to carpool. Contact Patty Rhule for more information.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Lin Orrin, cup; Prince Prem, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Ramona Crawford, Bhamini Prem, Bill Wallace

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Pete & Marie Pichaske, Katrina Dodro, Amy Pate

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 22, 12:00pm - In Person Bible Study

Thursday, April 23, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study

Coming Soon

Sunday, April 26, 12:00pm - Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 10:15am - Silver Chalice April Outing

Sunday, June 14 - Congregational Budget 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



19 APRIL | 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.