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, Let Us Sing to the One"

Call to Worship Marcia Mityga

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
ALL: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:
ALL: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

One: We come, for God reunites us here, siblings in that family called love:
ALL: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Marcia Mityga

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 "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Fauré, UCC Choir

Scripture - Matthew 25:31-46 Marcia Mityga

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** "God of Justice" - Chalice Praise #125

Pastoral Prayer John Rudenko

Offering "Medley of Hymns" - John Farley, Bass

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 "Let All Things Now Living" - Chalice Hymnal #717

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 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 Thanksgiving Lunch – Celebrate the season this Wednesday, November 18 with the Silver Chalice group over a Thanksgiving lunch! The turkey will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Plan to be at the church at 11:30 to get the table set, and we will eat at 11:45. Sign up at the Welcome Table or through the link in the Enews.

Disciples Women Fellowship and Study – Join us on November 21 at 2:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, reflection, and learning. Marcia Mityga will lead this month's study. If you can't attend in person, you can participate via Zoom using the link in the eNews.

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 22. Enjoy a shortened worship service featuring our Advent and Christmas decorations, followed by fellowship and decorating for Advent! Wear comfortable clothes if you plan to help. We also need volunteers to bring food for a light lunch—see Pastor Sara if you can help.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: John Zager, cup; John Farley, bread
Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Pamela Graham, Amy Pate, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Amy Pate, Frank & Nancy Randall

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 18, 11:30am - Silver Chalice Thanksgiving Lunch
Thursday, November 19, 7:00pm on Zoom - Bible Study
Saturday, November 21, 1:30pm - Disciples Women Study
Saturday, November 21 - 20s/30s/40s Gamer Symphony Orchestra Concert at UMD

Coming Soon

Sunday, November 22, 12:00pm - All-Church Advent Decorating
Monday, November 23, 7:00pm - Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 6:30pm - In Person Bible Study
Sunday, December 6 - 20s/30s/40s Gamer Symphony Orchestra Concert at UMD

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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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.