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

***Opening Song** "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" - Chalice Hymnal #125

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting The Oliver Family

Song of Celebration "One Candle is Lit (one verse)" - Chalice Hymnal #128

Anthem "O Come, Emmanuel" arranged by Alice Parker, UCC Choir

Scripture - Mark 1:1-8 (NRSVUE): The Proclamation of John the Baptist The Oliver Family

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 "Canticle of the Turning"

Pastoral Prayer John Rudenko

Offering "Still, Still, Still" - Pat Hindsley, tenor

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 "All Earth is Waiting" - Chalice Hymnal #139

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** "Glory! Let There Be Peace"

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.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the Hanging of the Greens last Sunday after the service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silver Chalice trip to National Cathedral TIME CHANGE! - Please note that the Silver Chalice tour of the National Cathedral on Wednesday, December 9, has a new start time. The tour will now begin at 3:00 p.m. ***Please plan to be at the church no later than 2:00 p.m. so we can carpool together.*** We still need 1–2 additional drivers! If you're available to drive or have any questions or concerns, please email Patty at prhule@verizon.net.
We look forward to enjoying the Cathedral beautifully decorated for Christmas!

Advent Special: In-Person Bible Study - Explore the story of The Birth of Jesus during three Advent Bible Study sessions on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16, at 6:30 p.m. at UCC. All are welcome! Feel free to bring something to share. To RSVP, email John Rudenko at uccmdintern@gmail.com.

Christmas Poinsettias orders are open! - The deadline is Sunday, December 13. Orders can be placed in honor of or in memory of someone. Place orders by filling out the online order form (QR code here), or by filling out a paper form (available on the Welcome Table in the narthex).

- If paying by check, make the check payable to: University Christian Church and put "poinsettia order payment" on the memo line.
- If paying by cash, put it and the order form in an envelope with your name and poinsettia order. Don't forget your name!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Jesse Brande, cup; Linda Bock, bread
Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Lin Orrin, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Frank & Nancy Randall

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 2, 6:30pm - In Person Bible Study
Thursday, December 3, 7:00pm on Zoom - Bible Study
Sunday, December 6 - 20s/30s/40s Gamer Symphony Orchestra Concert at UMD

Coming Soon

Wednesday, December 9, 3:00pm - Silver Chalice tour of National Cathedral
Sunday, December 13, in worship - Christmas Choir Cantata
Saturday, December 19 - Disciples Women Christmas Program
Saturday, December 19 - 20s/30s/40s Potluck Dinner

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.