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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY - Week of Compassion Offering - Put your compassion into action by giving generously to support neighbors in need all around the world.

TODAY | Following Worship - **Soul Food Feast** - Join us for food, fun and soul! All are welcome!

Tues., Feb. 25th | 6:30 PM - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner - The whole church is invited out for a pancake dinner with all the fixings.

Tues., Feb. 25th | 7:30 PM - Holy Yoga Class - Class lead by Robin the class will include breathing techniques, movement in chairs and the Holy Scriptures. Class is available to all people and every fitness level. The focus is on being still and open to hear God. Participants do not need to bring anything and we will use folding chairs.

Wed., Feb. 26th | 7 PM - Ash Wednesday Service - Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service

Sun., Mar. 1st | 5 PM - 6:30 PM - Youth Night - We invite families, and our youth for fun activities, food and youth choir.

Sat., March 7th | 9 AM to Noon - Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sun., March 8th | 2:00 AM - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sun., March 8th | *following worship in the Sanctuary -* **PLAN House Meeting** A chance to listen to one another about our desires for Prince George's County

Sun., May 3rd | 3:30pm - Prince George's Leadership Action Network (PLAN) Founding Convention at Central Baptist Church 5600 Old Branch Ave Camp Springs, MD 20748

Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday School will resume in 2020. More details coming soon.

Children Worship & Wonder (worship time for children) - held in Rm. 2 during worship service - After the Lord's Prayer, children will be invited to depart for Children Worship and Wonder, a time of age appropriate worship and storytelling. Our nursery is also available for infants and toddlers. For more information visit our website www.uccmd.org



Worship Opportunities: <u>Every Sunday</u> Sunday School Class @ 9:30 AM | Worship @ 10:45 AM

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Worship As You Feel Comfortable Today

University Christian Church believes that God is calling us to be: Christ-centered, Spirit-led, multi-racial, ecumenical, prayerful and compassionate. We are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. Thank you for worshipping with us today! If it is your first time, please fill out a red connection card located in the seat back in front of you. We would love to send you a personal note, just to say "Thanks!" If you need any assistance please speak with one of our greeters.

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Welcome Rev. Nathan Hill

Welcome to our church. We invite you to join us in worship with a God who loves you. Please see a greeter if there is anything we can do to help make your experience more comfortable.

*Opening Praise

Let it Rise | Lyrics on the Screen

*Prayer Response

Adapted from words by Christine Jerrett

One: We worship you, O God, with songs of praise. We worship you with words of prayer and with ears that listen for you to speak your saving truth into our lives. We worship you in the silent spaces where we struggle for hope and for courage. We long for a glimpse of your glory: the glory that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it; the glory that touches lives with a beauty so holy that it heals the wounded soul; the glory that gives strength to the weary.

Many: We, who stumble and fall so often, worship you, longing for your light to shine upon us. Dazzle us with your holy love, draw us into your purifying presence, speak to us your transforming truth.

Amen.

*Praise

How Great is Our God | Lyrics on the Screen During the final chorus, we invite our children to continue their worship in the Children's Worship & Wonder suite.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

Anthem

UCC Choir

My Lord, What A Mornin'

Message

Rev. Nathan Hill

Presence Matters

Sermon Response

My Tribute | Chalice Hymnal #39

Week of Compassion Video

Invitation to Give

We are excited as we respond to God today. Join us in supporting education, vocational training, and basic nessessities, for communities around the world through your Week of Compassion offering.

Offertory

Prayer of Gratitude

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Nathan Hill

We practice open communion: all believers are invited to the Table of the Lord. Children may receive at the discretion of their parents. Please eat the bread and drink the juice as it is passed. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available on the bread trays.

Communion Hymn

In Remembrance of Me | Chalice Hymnal #403

Words of Institution & Prayers & Partaking of the Bread & Cup

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Invitation Moment

Rev. Nathan Hill

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table | Chalice Hymnal #424 Do you feel lost or hurting? Do you need prayer? Would you like to welcome Jesus Christ into your life? Would you like to join our church? Please come forward as we stand and sing

Blessing of the Food

Rev. Nathan Hill

Postlude Sharon How

* = Please stand as you are able.

How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

*Chorus

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

Repeat *Chorus

Bridge Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

Repeat *Chorus

Our Sanctuary

In front of the Communion Table there is a square gold panel with the image of a broken chain. This Chrismon means the chain that once bound us, does no more because Jesus was sacrificed for our sins. (Romans 7:25) We are displaying it during Black History Month to remind us that even though this country was established with the idea that all are created equal, a great many people were enslaved and denied rights for nearly two and a half centuries. Even now, though these laws were changed, there are people who are being trafficked, disrespected and considered unworthy. We must recall our History as well as the teachings of Jesus as we go forward and Love one another (John 13:34). This panel is part of a collection of 45 that were originally made by members of the Liturgical Arts Committee for Advent 2003.