

Order of Worship

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| Welcome/ Announcements | Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher |
| *Congregational Song | “I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” - Chalice Hymnal#614 |
| Call to Worship | Hanford "Smitty" Smith |
| One: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent | |
| ALL: towards the One who calls us each by a new name. | |
| One: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us, | |
| ALL: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us. | |
| One: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us, | |
| ALL: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus. | |
| *Please be seated | |
| Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer | Hanford "Smitty" 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. | |
| Black History Month Reflection Video | |
| Anthem | “March Down to Jordan” by Robert De Cormier, UCC Choir |
| Scripture - Matthew 4:1-11 | Janise Allyn-Smith |
| Sermon | Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher |
| *Sermon Response Song | “Your Love Defends Me” |
| * Please stand as you are comfortable and able | |

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| Pastoral Prayer | John Rudenko |
| Offering | “My Tribute” by Andraé Crouch, Claire Huang, piano <i>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.</i> |
| Communion Song | “We Come as Guests Invited” - Chalice Hymnal#386 |
| Celebrating Communion | Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher <i>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.</i> <i>Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.</i> |
| *Congregational Song | “Lift Every Voice and Sing” - Chalice Hymnal#631 <i>If you would like to like to receive prayer from one of our elders, please come forward during the song or following the benediction.</i> |
| Benediction | Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher <i>Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour!</i> <i>Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.</i> |

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| ANNOUNCEMENTS |
| Congregational Information Session - Join us on March 8, immediately following worship, in person or on Zoom. This will be a time to hear updates about important behind-the-scenes work happening at UCC. We hope you’ll plan to attend! |
| Newcomers Night - Are you new-ish to UCC? Join us on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. for dessert and fellowship with UCC leaders. A great chance to connect and learn more about our church. Please RSVP to Pastor Sara if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there! |
| Silver Chalice Lunch - Join us on March 4 at noon for food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please see Pastor Sara. |
| Game Night - Come out on March 7 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of fun and community. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game (optional!), and get ready for a great time together. |

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Cathy Libbee, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Treedy Chapa, Ramona Crawford, Bill Wallace

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Barbara and Marshall Dunn, Lori Jarman, Janise & Smitty

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, February 22, 12:15pm - Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 25, 12:00pm - In-Person Bible Study

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00pm - Leadership Conference
(Board, Elders, Deacons, Ministry Team Leaders)

Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study

Coming Soon

Wednesday, March 4, 12:00pm - Silver Chalice Lunch

Saturday, March 7, 6:00pm - Game Night

Sunday, March 8 - Congregational Information Session

Monday, March 9, 7:00pm - Newcomers Night

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.



Senior Minister: Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher / sara@uccmd.org

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Pianist & Choir Director - Claire Huang / 443-583-9979

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UCC is LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming and a Green Chalice Congregation

Sunday, February 22, 2026

10:45am



*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.