

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 “For the Healing of the Nations” - Chalice Hymnal #668

Call to Worship Hanford “Smitty” Smith

One: Let us rejoice! We live sustained by God’s presence and love.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

One: As we mourn the wounds of God’s children, God weeps with us.

ALL: As we give thanks for all those who have lived in faith,

God gives thanks with us.

One: As we struggle for justice, God struggles with us.

ALL: As we strive for peace, God strives with us.

One: As we work to build the beloved community, God works with us.

ALL: Sustained by God’s presence and love, we worship God together!

*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.

Anthem "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arranged by Albert V. Adcock

Scripture - Luke 18:1–8; Exodus 3:1–15 Janise Allyn-Smith

All children elementary age and younger are invited to gather in the back for Worship and Wonder in Room 3

Sermon Rev. Julio Hernandez

* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

*Sermon Response Song “For Everyone Born”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering "In the Garden” by C. Austin Miles, arranged by Cindy Berry
- Nancy Randall, piano
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 “Table of Plenty”

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 "Sing a New World Into Being “
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. Julio Hernandez
Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour!
Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! - A heartfelt thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Julio Hernandez, for sharing his message and joining us in worship today!

Community Garden Work Continues! We had a great work day last Sunday, and there’s still more to do! Join us on Sunday, October 4, following worship, as we continue caring for and improving our Community Garden. Wear comfortable clothes and bring garden gloves if you have them!

Fall Faith & Fellowship is coming! Every Wednesday in October, we will have a meal and program from 6:30-8:00pm. Each week will be a different program, so you won't want to miss them! A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table to help us plan food. See Pastor Sara if you have any questions.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Shirley Morrison, cup; Joyce Holloway, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Lin Orrin, Bhamini Prem, Patty Rhule

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Frank & Nancy Randall

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, September 27, 12:00pm - Elders Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Coming Soon

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7, 6:30pm - Fall Faith & Fellowship

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30pm - Fall Faith & Fellowship

October 15-17 - Regional Assembly

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026
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.