

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 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” - Chalice Hymnal #148

Call to Worship Marcia Mityga

One: Glory to God in the highest! And hope to every discouraged heart.
ALL: Glory to God in the highest! And peace to every conflicted soul.

One: Glory to God in the highest! And joy to every downcast spirit.
ALL: Glory to God in the highest! And love to everyone.
Let us sing praises to our God!

*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.

Moment for Mission Blanket Sunday, Sara Hindsley

Anthem “The Holly and the Ivy” arranged by Reginald Jacques, UCC Choir

Scripture - Luke 2:1-20 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 “Glory! Let there be Peace”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering “Go Tell It on the Mountain”; Lorel Morrison, tenor / Pete Pichaske, drum
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 “I Am the Light of the World” - Chalice Hymnal #469

Celebrating Communion Rev. LauraJean Torgerson
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 “Joy to the World” Chalice Hymnal #143
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

Christmas in July and Blanket Sunday is TODAY! - We are raising money for Church World Service’s Blanket project. \$10.00 provides a CWS Blanket to someone in hard times. You may give by cash, check (made payable to University Christian Church /write Blankets on the memo line), or online (select “Blankets” from the drop-down menu at the QR code above).

NEXT SUNDAY! Following worship, gather back in the sanctuary at noon, where John Rudenko will share a presentation on Religion in Italy after returning from a 1-week seminary class in Rome. Come ready to learn about the Vatican, religious art, Italian Protestantism, and what ties them all together. There may even be some special Italian snacks and desserts if you attend.

Legacy Builders Information Session – July 28, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to explore how planned giving can help support UCC’s future. Whether you're a current Legacy Builder or simply interested in finding out more, we hope you'll join us. RSVP to Pastor Sara.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Bob Hindsley, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Barbara Dunn, Sam Meyer, Amy Pate

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Katrina Dodro, Nancy & Frank Randall, Marie Pichaske

This Week In the Life of the Church

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30pm - Dance Class

Thursday, July 23, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study

Coming Soon

Sunday, July 26 - Rev. Dr. Marshall Dunn Preaching

Tuesday, July 28, 7:00pm - Legacy Builders Information Session

Thursday, July 30, 7:00pm - Middle Ages Trivia @ Denizen's

Sunday, August 2, 10:00am - Summer Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 2, 15:15am - Elders Meeting

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

July 19, 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.