### Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Cathy Libbee, cup; Ramona Crawford, bread Deacons: Lin Orrin, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace Fellowship Hour Hosts: Amparo and Jim Duff

### This Week In the Life of the Church

Today, November 9 - Nominating Committee Meeting

Monday, November 10 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study - Cancelled for this week

Tuesday, November 11 @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday November 13 @ 7pm - Bible Study on Zoom

(https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85031436417 Meeting ID: 850 3143 6417 Passcode: bible)

Saturday, November 15 @ 2pm - Disciples Women Meeting in person and online

## **Coming Soon**

Sunday, November 16 - Elders Meeting Monday, November 17 6:30 Federal Employees Fellowship Wednesday, November 19, 9:30am-1pm - Silver Chalice Daytime Outing to the Basilica

#### 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, November 9, 2025 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.

# **Order of Worship**

Welcome/ Announcements Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

\*Congregational Song

"Shout to the North" Chalice Praise #40

Call to Worship Ashley Ramirez

One: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

All: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

One: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

All: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

One: As we gather together in this time, and in this place,

All: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

\*Please be seated

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Ashley Ramirez

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.

Song of Celebration

"Let All Things Now Living" verse 1 Chalice Hymnal # 717

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

Anthem

"Ave Verum Corpus" by Edward Elgar, UCC Choir

Scripture - Luke 19:1-10 Ashley Ramirez

Sermon John Rudenko

\*Sermon Response Song

"My Life Flows On" Chalice Hymnal # 619

\* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

Pastoral Prayer John Rudenko

Offering "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Rogers & Hammerstein, Savannah Short, soprano

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 Hymn

"The Voice of Jesus Calls His People" Chalice Hymnal #426

**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.

\*Invitation Hymn

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Chalice Hymnal #453

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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Disciples Women This Saturday!** Our "honorary" Disciple Woman Rev. Dr. Marshall Dunn will be leading a study on the Shekinah of God in the First Testament, so you won't want to miss it! We will meet in person in Room 5/on Zoom this Saturday at 2:00pm. See the eNews or talk to Ramona for the Zoom link.

Wednesday, November 19 Silver Chalice Event Join us for a tour of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We'll leave UCC parking lot @ 9:30am for a 10am tour. Next is lunch at Potbelly's in Brookland. The tour is free, just bring money for lunch. Return to UCC about 1pm. If you're interested in spirituality, architecture or art, this should be a fun experience! RSVP to Pastor Sara by Sunday, November 16, and let her know your carpool/driving preference. Silver Chalice is our new group for those 65+, but everyone is invited, regardless of age!

**The Day Center Thanksgiving Drive** -The week of Thanksgiving, The Day Center (TDC) will be providing gift items to guests! Each TDC partnering congregation has been assigned items to collect toward this project. UCC is collecting:

~ men's underwear (sizes M-XL are most needed) ~ disposable razors ~ tissue packs

Please bring items to church by Sunday, November 23. There will be a box in the Narthex for collections. Thank you for your support!