

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 to Easter worship! We have flowers available in the front; please feel free to come up, take a flower, and add it to the cross. You may do this before worship as you arrive, or during the first two hymns.

*Congregational Song

“Christ Arose!” - Chalice Hymnal #224
“He Lives!” - Chalice Hymnal #226

Welcome/ Announcements

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Call to Worship

Amy Pate

One: When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us, Lord, who we are:

ALL: We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.

One: We are the painters of the rainbows; the shadow of death will not daunt us.

ALL: We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of death will not defile us.

One: We are the raisers of the dead; the power of death will not defy us.

ALL: We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will not destroy us!

God is our refuge and our strength. We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Amy Pate

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

“Risen Today!” by Dan Forrest - UCC Choir

Scripture - John 20:1-18

Amy Pate

Sermon

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

*Sermon Response Song

“God of Justice”

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering

“God So Loved The World” by John Stainer

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

John Rudenko

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

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” - Chalice Hymnal #222

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

Rain Garden Maintenance - Join us on Saturday, April 11 to help care for our rain garden. Lend a hand with weeding, planting, and general upkeep as we steward our outdoor space together. Scan the QR to register! See Pastor Sara for details.



20s/30s/40s Potluck Dinner - On Friday, April 17 at 6:30pm, UCC's 20s/30s/40s Group will be holding a Potluck Dinner and Workshopping Session to plan Summer and Fall activities.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: John Farley, cup; Ramona Crawford, bread
Deacons: Beth Hindsley, Bhamini Prem, Ashley Ramirez, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Hank and Marcia Mityga, Leah Williams

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30pm - Salsa Dance Class
Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study
Saturday, April 11, 9:45am - Rain Garden Maintenance Event

Coming Soon

Sunday, April 12 - John Rudenko Preaching
Friday, April 17, 6:30pm - 20s/30s/40s Potluck Dinner
Saturday, April 18, 2:00pm - Disciples Women Study
Sunday, April 26 - Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 10:15am - Silver Chalice April Outing
Sunday, June 14 - Congregational Budget 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

Sunday, April 5, 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.**