



Welcome to University Christian Church

August 17, 2025 / 10:45am

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.

Welcome/ Announcements

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

CH 560 - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Call to Worship

ONE: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

ONE: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, recess, snacks, and friends.

ALL: Let us worship together, every generation.

ONE: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

ALL: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

ONE: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Marie Pichaske

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.

Back to School Blessings

Scripture - Galatians 6:2-10 (CEB)

Marie Pichaske

Sermon

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

CH 658 - Restless Weaver

Prayer

Offering

John Farley & Jesse Brande, Morning Has Broken

*Thank you for your generosity! Offerings/donations, as well as 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

*We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. Please take a kit from the tray, and serve the person next to you.
We will partake together once everyone has been served. In the kits, the wafers are gluten-free and the cups contain grape juice.*

*Congregational Song

CH 442 - We Are Walking in the Light of God

Benediction

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.

Game Night & Potluck is this Saturday at 6:00pm! Bring a dish to share, a favorite game (if you'd like), and come ready to have fun! Don't enjoy playing games? That's fine! Everyone is welcome to come fellowship!

Congregational Retreat Registration deadline is this week! The retreat will begin after dinner on Friday, September 5 (people who arrive early often have dinner together at a restaurant) and end around 10am on Sunday, September 7. The registration fee is \$160/adult, and includes 2 nights of lodging, all meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. See Pastor Sara for more information, and register today at this QR code! If you are unable to register online, paper forms are available on the Welcome Table. *Please let Pastor Sara know if you turn in a paper form!*



Disciples Women is collecting school supplies for Church World Service supply kits. Please see the Weekly News or the shopping list on the Welcome Table for the complete list of specific needs.

Keep in touch with UCC! If you are not receiving Pastor Sara's Tuesday Letter or the Thursday Church Weekly News, please let Pastor Sara know (sara@uccmd.org) so she can update our mailing list!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Lin Orrin, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread
Deacons: Barb Dunn, Sophia Fisher, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Host: Ray & Seongmin Smith

This Week's Calendar

August 18 @ 7pm - Blessing of the Animals Planning Meeting
August 20 - Congregational Retreat Registration Deadline
August 20 @ 6:30pm - Ballroom Dancing
August 23 @ 6pm - Game Night & Potluck
August 24, immediately following worship - Congregational Business Meeting

This Month & Beyond

August 26 @ 7pm - Board Meeting
August 31 @ 12:15pm - Elders Meeting
September 5-7 - Congregational Retreat @ Bethany Beach
September 27, 11a-1pm - Blessing of the Animals
October 1 @ 10am - Midweek Fellowship

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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