

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** “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence” - Chalice Hymnal #633

Call to Worship Rebecca Kreiger

One: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

ALL: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

One: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

ALL: We are the people God has formed through Christ; We rejoice and worship God together.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Rebecca Kreiger

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.

Lent Reflection 1 Sara Nelkin

Anthem Ave Maria (Angelus Domini) by Franz Biebl, UCC Choir

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

Lent Reflection 2 John Farley

Scripture - Psalm 130:1-7 Rebecca Kreiger

Lent Reflection 3 Frank Randall

Lent Reflection 4 Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

***Sermon Response Song** “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Pastoral Prayer John Rudenko

Offering “He Leadeth Me” by W.B. Bradbury - Nancy Randall, piano solo

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 “Gather Your People, O Lord” - Chalice Praise #172

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** “When, in Awe of God's Creation” - Chalice Hymnal #688

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

Lent Devotional Reflection Groups - Pastor Sara will be leading both Bible studies THIS week (in-person, March 18 @ noon / on Zoom, March 19 @ 7pm). You do not need to be caught up with the books to participate, nor do you need to be a regular part of the Bible study groups – everyone is invited!

Disciples Women Gathering – On March 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Narthex. The study topic, *Facing Your Selfish Truth*, will be led by Marcia Mityga. Join us and bring a snack to share. Note: This meeting will be in person only; Zoom will return in April.

Easter Flowers – Order your Easter Lilies by Sunday, March 29. Dedications will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin (in honor or memory of someone). \$15 per plant. Quantities are limited, so please order soon. Contact the church office if you need help with the form.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Ramona Crawford, cup; Lin Orrin, bread

Deacons: Diane Brande, Beth Hindsley, Pete Pichaske, Bhamini Prem

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Amy P., Katrina Dodro

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, March 15 - 20s/30s/40s Pub Ministry/Lunch

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 18, 12:00pm In Person Lent Study

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm - Online Lent Study

Saturday, March 21, 2:00pm - Disciples Women Gathering

Coming Soon

Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 11 - Rain Garden Maintenance Event

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, March 15, 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.