



Welcome to University Christian Church

September 14, 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

Eric Newell

*Congregational Song

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Chalice Hymnal 25

Call to Worship

ONE: We gather to worship God who creates us and loves us;

ALL: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

ONE: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

ALL: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

ONE: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

ALL: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

Please be seated

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Eric Newell

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

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Chalice Hymnal 261

During the song of celebration, all children elementary age and younger are invited to go enjoy Worship and Wonder in Room 5.

Scripture - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Eric Newell

Sermon

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

"Power of Your Love" Chalice Praise 57

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Sara Hindsley, Piano

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

"Here at Thy Table Lord" Chalice Hymnal 384

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 partake together once everyone is served. Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

*Congregational Song

"For the Healing of the Nations" Chalice Hymnal 668

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.

Bible Study Resumes: *The Really Really Really Big Picture!* The Bible has an amazingly huge beginning-to-end story to tell! Starting with God's creation, the problem of evil in our world, and the power of redemptive love to overcome it, ending with creation fulfilled as God's shining city on a hill.

We meet on Zoom from 7 to 8:15 each week on Thursday nights, starting on September 11, 2025. Contact Jim Duff or Pastor Sara for more information.

Disciples Women will meet Saturday, September 20 @2pm. September's session is entitled *Lead with Love*. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9). Sara Hindsley will lead this study; see her or Ramona for more information.

Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 from 11am-1pm. This will be a fun, free event for all ages - whether or not you have a pet! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Cathy Libbee, cup; Sara Hindsley, bread
Deacons: Beth Hindsley, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Lin Orrin
Fellowship Hour Host: Ashley Ramirez and John Rudenko

This Week In the Life of the Church

September 16 @ 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal resumes
September 18 @ 7:00pm - Bible Study on Zoom
(<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85031436417> Meeting ID: 850 3143 6417 Passcode: bible)
September 20 @ 2:00pm - Disciples Women (in person and on Zoom)

Coming Soon

Tuesday, September 23 @ 7pm - UCC Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 24 @ 7pm - Ballroom Dance Lessons
Friday, September 26 @ 6:30pm - 20s/30s/40s Potluck & BotA Setup
Saturday, September 27, 11am-1pm - Blessing of the Animals
Wednesday, October 1 @ 10am - Midweek Fellowship
Saturday, October 11, time TBA- Rain garden Maintenance Day
Saturday, October 18 @ 2:00pm - Disciples Women (in person and on Zoom)

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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