

**Thank you to those serving today:**

Elders: Prince Prem, cup; Cathy Libbee, bread

Deacons: Lin Orrin, Diana Brande, Marie Pichaske, Bhamini Prem

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Birthday Cupcakes by Leah Williams, Bhamini and Prince Prem

**This Week In the Life of the Church**

Monday, October 6 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study in Room 5

Tuesday, October 7 @ 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 8 @ 6:30 pm - Ballroom Dancing

Thursday, October 9 @ 7:00pm - Bible Study on Zoom

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

Saturday, October 11, 9:45 am - Noon - Rain garden Maintenance Day

**Coming Soon**

Wednesday, October 15 @ 7pm - Newcomers Night

Saturday, October 18 @ 2:00pm - Disciples Women (in person and on Zoom)

Friday, October 24 @ 7:00pm - 20s/30s/40s Potluck

**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, October 5, 2025**

**10:45am**

*Welcome to*  
*University Christian Church*

*World Communion Sunday*

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 5**



**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.**

World Communion Sunday - Order of Worship	
Welcome/ Announcements	John Rudenko
*Congregational Song	“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Chalice Hymnal 42 (Jamaica)
Call to Worship	Leah Haworth
<b>ONE:</b> In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.	
<b>MANY:</b> Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.	
<b>ONE:</b> What do we find at today’s table?	
<b>MANY:</b> God’s love, which endures all things and connects all things.	
<b>ONE:</b> What is not at today’s table?	
<b>MANY:</b> The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.	
<b>ONE:</b> Let us give thanks to God, whose love unites us all.	
<b>ALL:</b> Let us worship God together, who makes us one.	
<i>*Please be seated</i>	
Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer	Leah Haworth
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.	
	Speaker 1: Lorel Morrison (Jamaica)
Anthem	“Siyahambe” (South Africa), UCC Choir
	Speaker 2: Anita Khapharde (India)
	Speaker 3: Ricardo Chapa (Mexico)
Scripture - John 17:18, 21-23	Leah Haworth
	Speaker 4: Amparo Duff (Belize)
*Congregational Song	“Santo, Santo, Santo” Chalice Hymnal 111 (Latin America)
	Speaker 5: Prince Prem (India)
	Speaker 6: Desaree David (Guyana)
<i>* Please stand as you are comfortable and able</i>	

Pastoral Prayer	John Rudenko
Offering	“For Marie” Pete Pichaske, piano <i>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.</i>
Communion Song	“Jesu, Jesu” Chalice Hymnal 600 (Ghana)
Celebrating Communion	John Rudenko <i>We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. Please come forward down the center aisle. You may take an individually packaged gluten-free kit if you prefer. Otherwise, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, partake, and return to your seat down the side aisle. If you prefer to be served in your seat, please notify the deacons and you will be served.</i>
*Congregational Song	“Here, O Lord Your Servants Gather” Chalice Hymnal 278 (Japan)
Benediction	John Rudenko <i>Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Wear comfortable clothes to work outside. Bring garden tools if you have them. See Jesse Brande for more information.

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