

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Lorel Morrison, cup; Marcia Mityga, bread
Deacons: Beth Hindsley, Ramona Crawford, Sophia Fisher, Patty Rhule
Fellowship Hour Host: Linda and Chris Bock

This Week In the Life of the Church

TODAY, October 26 - Youth Group after service
Monday, October 27 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study
Tuesday, October 28 @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal
Thursday October 30 @ 7pm - Bible Study on Zoom
(<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85031436417> Meeting ID: 850 3143 6417 Passcode: bible)

Coming Soon

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints Sunday
Monday, November 3 @ 7pm - UCC Finance Committee Meeting
Saturday, November 8 @ 9:45am - Rain Garden Maintenance Day
Sunday, November 9 John Rudenko Preaching

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 26, 2025
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.**

Order of Worship

Welcome/ Announcements

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

“Hear Our Praises” Chalice Praise #41

Call to Worship

Marie Pichaske

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

**Please be seated*

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.

Song of Celebration

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Chalice Hymnal 261

During the song of celebration, all children elementary age and younger are invited to meet in the back for Worship and Wonder.

Anthem

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. by Moses Hogan, UCC Choir

Scripture - Joel 2:23-27

Marie Pichaske

Sermon

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*Congregational Song

“In Feast or Fallow”

** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering

“El Shaddai” Michael Card & John W. Thompson Sara Hindsley, Soprano

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.



Celebrating Communion

“The Voice of Jesus Calls His People” Chalice Hymnal #426

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.

*Invitation Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Chalice Hymnal 67

Benediction

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Sunday: November 2

This is a reflective yet hopeful time in the church year, when we remember those who have died. Everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle and to name out loud in remembrance those who have died since last November. You are welcome to bring a photo of your loved one, and place it on the communion table when you arrive for worship.

Rain Garden Maintenance Makeup Date: Saturday, November 8 9:45 am - noon

The last Maintenance Event had to be rescheduled, and it will now be November 8. Alliance for the Bay, our partners who host the event, strongly requests everyone register in advance to plan for food, t-shirts, and supplies.



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John Rudenko Preaching: Sunday, November 9

Wednesday, November 12 - Silver Chalice Event (Time & Location TBA)