

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 John Farley

*Congregational Song “Morning Has Broken” - Chalice Hymnal #53

Call to Worship Frank Randall
One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
ALL: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

One: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
ALL: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

One: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
ALL: the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Frank Randall
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.

Scripture - Mark 7:31-36 Frank Randall
All children elementary age and younger are invited to gather in the back for Worship and Wonder in Room 3

Sermon John Zager
** Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

*Sermon Response Song “Open My Eyes, That I May See” - Chalice Hymnal #586

Pastoral Prayer John Farley, written by Lin Orrin

Offering

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 “We Come as Guests Invited” - Chalice Hymnal #386

Celebrating Communion John Farley
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 “Blessed Assurance” - Chalice Hymnal #543
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 John Farley
Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Preacher on September 27 - Rev. Julio Hernandez with Congregation Action Network (which UCC is a part of) will be sharing about his work and ministry in worship. You won’t want to miss this very special event!

Middle Ages Potluck - September 17 @ 6:30 - for those between “Young Adult” and retirement. Please see the announcement in the Enews (or Pastor Sara) for more information.

Young Adult Apple Picking - September 19 in the morning in Berryville, VA. Please see John Rudenko for more details and to RSVP

Silver Chalice Potluck - September 23 @ 11:30am - Everyone 60-ish and above/ retired is invited! Please see the announcement in the Enews (or Pastor Sara) for more information.

Community Garden Work Day - Next Sunday! We will be beginning work on the Community Garden on Sunday, September 20 following worship. Wear (or bring a change of) comfortable clothes to get dirty in, garden gloves if you have them, and help us care for our space!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Jesse Brande, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread

Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Diana Brande, Pamela Graham, Sam Meyer

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marie Pichaske, Rick Helmer, Frank & Nancy Randall

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, September 15, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17, 6:30pm - Middle Ages Potluck

Saturday, September 19, 2:00pm - Disciples Women's Meeting

Saturday, September 19 - Young Adult Group Apple Picking Excursion

Coming Soon

Sunday, September 20 - Community Garden Work Day

Monday, September 21, 7:00pm - Silver Chalice Jamaica Trip (Informational Zoom)

Wednesday, September 23, 11:30am - Silver Chalice Potluck

Sunday, September 27, 12:00pm - Elders Meeting

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, September 13, 2026
10:45 am

"Be opened!"



*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.