

## 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

“Shout to the North” - Chalice Praise #40

### Call to Worship

Barbara Bice

One: See! The people of God are coming from north and south, from east and west

**All: bearing different gifts, speaking different languages,  
but sharing the same mind, the same love, the same faith.**

One: Bring praise to our Creator who invites us into sacred partnership  
and gives us every good thing

**All: We gather with joy and thankfulness for what the Creator gives. Amen!**

*\*Please be seated*

### Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Barbara Bice

*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.*

### Anthem

“My Wordless Prayer” by Craig Courtney - UCC Choir

### Scripture - Isaiah 43: 9-13, 18-19

Barbara Bice

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

### Sermon

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*\* Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

### \*Sermon Response Song

“Blessed be Your Name” by Matt Redman

### Pastoral Prayer

John Rudenko

### Offering

“Now the Green Blade Rises” by John M. C. Crum - Sam Meyer, tenor, recorder  
*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

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

*We practice an Open Table, meaning everyone is invited. We partake together once everyone is served. Each kit contains gluten-free wafers and grape juice.*

### \*Congregational Song

“I Love to Tell the Story” - Chalice Hymnal #480

*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

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - TODAY! after worship. We hope to see you there! In Person and Zoom.

**Warm Nights Partnership Meeting** - Today, after the Congregational Meeting, join us for a brief gathering to learn about UCC's partnership with Warm Nights, a program that provides shelter and meals in our community. If you're unable to attend but would like to help, please contact Kitty Williams or Pastor Sara.

**Silver Chalice April Outing** – Join the Silver Chalice group (age 60+ but all are welcome) on Wednesday, April 29 for a Bonsai Tour of National Arboretum. Meet at UCC at 10:15 a.m. to carpool. Contact Patty Rhule for more information.

**Fellowship Hosts Needed!** If you are willing to provide food for fellowship hour, please talk to Marie Pichaske. You do not have to provide all the food, but we could use some more help with dishes in the coming months.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Robert Hindsley, cup; Ramona Crawford, bread  
Deacons: Barbara Dunn, Beth Hindsley, Lin Orrin, Pete Pichaske  
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Sara Nelkin, Brandes, Dunns

This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, April 26, 12:00pm - Congregational Meeting  
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, April 29, 10:15am - Silver Chalice April Outing

Coming Soon

Thursday, May 28 - Silver Chalice Boat Tour  
Sunday, June 14 - Congregational Budget Meeting  
Wednesday, June 17 - Silver Chalice Potluck at church

**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, April 26, 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.**