

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 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - Chalice Hymnal #25

Call to Worship Bob Hindsley

One: Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

ALL: Let us worship together, the young and the old.
The good news is proclaimed in God’s words,
and also with crayons, computers, snacks, and rest time.

One: Let us worship together, every generation.
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles,
building our faith together

ALL: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope

*Please be seated

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Bob Hindsley

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.

Back to School Blessings

Scripture - Proverbs 24:3-4, 13-14 Bob Hindsley

Sermon Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

*Sermon Response Song “Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

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 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” - Chalice Hymnal #398

Celebrating Communion Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher
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 “Days of Elijah”
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

The Congregational Retreat Registration Deadline is Today! The registration link can be found in the Enews; see Pastor Sara if you have any questions.

Disciples Women 2026–2027 Program Kickoff – August 29. Join us from 12:00–2:00 p.m. for a potluck lunch and special presentation featuring the artwork of Mary Hicks and Peggy Miller. Bring a dish to share if you can! Contact Ramona Crawford for details.

Regional Discussion – August 30. Join us after worship on August 30 at 12:30 p.m. at North Chevy Chase Christian Church for a regional discussion about the future of the Christian Church in the Capital Area. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Pastor Sara if you plan to attend.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Lin Orrin, cup; Bob Hindsley, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Pamela Graham, Lou Kline, Bill Wallace

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Treedy & Ricardo Chapa, Lin Orrin

This Week In the Life of the Church

Saturday, August 29, 12:00pm - Disciples Women Event

Coming Soon

Sunday, August 30, 10:00am - Summer Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 30, 12:30pm - Regional Restructure Discussion

Monday, August 31, 7:00pm - Board 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, August 23, 2026

10:45 am



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.