

## 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

“Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness” - Chalice Hymnal #253

### Call to Worship

Lin Orrin

One: God has gathered us to this place,

**ALL: where we hear those stories which show us what the kin-dom of God is like.**

One: God summons us to this place,

**ALL: where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.**

One: God will send us from this place,

**ALL: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

*\*Please be seated*

### Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Lin Orrin

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

“Order My Steps (In Your Word)”, UCC Choir

### Scripture - John 4:5-42

Lin Orrin

*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

### \*Sermon Response Song

“The Power of Your Love” - Chalice Praise #57

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

### Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

### Offering

“Fill My Cup, Lord” - Sara Hindsley and Bonnie Zager, duet

*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

“Here At Thy Table, Lord” - Chalice Hymnal #384

### 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

“For Everyone Born”

*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

**Congregational Information Session** - Join us on TODAY, immediately following worship, in person or on Zoom. This will be a time to hear updates about important behind-the-scenes work happening at UCC. We hope you'll plan to attend!

**Newcomers Night** - Are you new-ish to UCC? Join us on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. for dessert and fellowship with UCC leaders. A great chance to connect and learn more about our church. Please RSVP to Pastor Sara if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

**Diaper Drive** – Help support neighbors experiencing economic hardship. Sizes 5–6 are most needed, but all sizes are welcome. Bring donations to church through Easter. Thank you for caring for our community!

**Lent Devotional Reflection Groups** - Pastor Sara will be leading both Bible studies NEXT week (in-person, March 18 @ noon / on Zoom, March 19 @ 7pm). You do not need to be caught up with the books to participate, nor do you need to be a regular part of the Bible study groups – everyone is invited!

**Thank you to those serving today:**

Elders: Prince Prem, cup; Linda Bock, bread

Deacons: Ramona Crawford, Barbara Dunn, Sophia Fisher, Patty Rhule

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Chris & Linda Bock, Suzie Hershberger

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

Sunday, March 8, 12:00pm - Congregational Information Session

Monday, March 9, 7:00pm - Newcomers Night

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11, 12:00pm In Person Bible Study

Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm - Online Bible Study

**Coming Soon**

Sunday, March 15 - 20s/30s/40s Lunch

Wednesday, March 18, 12:00pm - In Person Lent Study

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm - Online Lent Study

Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 11 - Rain Garden Maintenance Event

**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, March 8, 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.**