

## 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.*

*If you are interested in processing in with palms, you can place your things in the sanctuary, then gather in the narthex to process during the opening hymn!*

**\*Congregational Song** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" - Chalice Hymnal #699

**Welcome/ Announcements** Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

**Call to Worship** Robert Hindsley

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**ALL: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**ALL: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

**ALL: Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

*\*Please be seated*

**Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer** Robert 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.*

**Special Offering Invitation** Jonathan Fisher

**Anthem** "Ride On, King Jesus" (Moses Hogan version), UCC Choir

**Scripture - Matthew 21:1-11** Robert Hindsley

*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** "God of Freedom, God of Justice" - Chalice Hymnal #656

**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** "Draw the Circle Wide"

**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** "Here I Am, Lord"

*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

**Easter Flowers** – Order your Easter Lilies by TODAY. Dedications will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin (in honor or memory of someone). \$15 per plant. Quantities are limited, so please order soon. Contact the church office if you need help with the form.

**Maundy Thursday Service** - Join us on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. for a meaningful Maundy Thursday service as we remember Jesus' last supper and reflect on themes of love, service, and community.

**Camp Registration is Open!** - Bethany Beach has camps for ALL AGES, and summer registration is now available! See Pastor Sara for more information.

**Thank you to those serving today:**

Elders: Sara Hindsley, cup; Bob Hindsley, bread  
Deacons: Bhamini Prem, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace  
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Jonathan & Sara Nave Fisher

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

Monday, March 30, 7:00pm - Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 31, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, April 1, 12:00pm - In Person Bible Study  
Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service

**Coming Soon**

Saturday, April 11 - Rain Garden Maintenance Event  
Wednesday, April 29 - Silver Chalice April Outing

**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 29, 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.**