

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. Dr. Marshall Dunn

*Congregational Song “As the Deer” - Chalice Praise #108

Call to Worship Barbara Bice

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

ALL: We come in search of help and hope.

One: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

ALL: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

One: Come, you who are in need of good news.

ALL: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

One: Come and find refuge in God your rock.

ALL: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

*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.

Scripture - Mark 7: 1-23 Barbara Bice

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

Sermon Rev. Dr. Marshall Dunn

* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

*Sermon Response Song “Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race” - Chalice Hymnal #485

Pastoral Prayer John Rudenko

Offering Special Music - Pete Pichaske, piano

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 “Come, Share the Lord” - Chalice Hymnal #408

Celebrating Communion John Rudenko

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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” - Chalice Hymnal #431

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. Dr. Marshall Dunn

Everyone is invited to stay following worship for Fellowship Hour! Food can be taken into the sanctuary or outside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our “Guest” preacher, Rev. Dr. Marshall Dunn, and to Lorel Morrison for leading music today! Pastor Sara is at Bethany Beach leading the Young Adult Conference this weekend, and Pat Hindsley is there as staff.

TODAY! Following worship, gather back in the sanctuary at noon, where John Rudenko will share a presentation on *Religion in Italy* after returning from a 1-week seminary class in Rome. Come ready to learn about the Vatican, religious art, Italian Protestantism, and what ties them all together. There may even be some special Italian snacks and desserts if you attend.

Legacy Builders Information Session – July 28, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to explore how planned giving can help support UCC’s future. Whether you're a current Legacy Builder or simply interested in finding out more, we hope you'll join us. RSVP to Pastor Sara.

Middle Ages Trivia Night – July 30 If you’re in the “middle ages” of life, join us at Denizen’s for Trivia Night! We'll meet at 7:00 p.m.; trivia begins at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Pastor Sara so we can reserve a table.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Jesse Brande, cup; Ramona Crawford, bread

Deacons: Pamela Graham, Lin Orrin, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marshall & Barbara Dunn

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, July 28, 7:00pm - Legacy Builders Information Session

Thursday, July 30, 7:00pm - Middle Ages Trivia @ Denizen's

Coming Soon

Sunday, August 2, 10:00am - Summer Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 2, 12:15pm - Elders Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 6:30pm - Dance Class

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, July 26, 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.