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** "Come, Let Us Sing to the One"

Call to Worship Amparo Duff

One: God sends light to us this day
and invites us to meet one another in this light.
ALL: Light breaks forth like the dawn,
drawing us into relationship with one another.

One: Humble yourselves for the worship of God,
that you may be empowered to serve.
ALL: God calls us to trust with steady hearts
and to serve with righteous compassion.

One: Seek not for lofty words of wisdom,
but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.
ALL: God makes us to be the salt of the earth
and lights to show God's works to the world.

**Please be seated*

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Amparo Duff

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 "Go Forth into the World in Peace" by John Rutter, UCC Choir

Scripture - Matthew 25:1-13 Amparo Duff

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** "In Feast or Fallow"

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering "An Original Composition" by 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 "Gather Your People" - Chalice Praise #172

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** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Chalice Hymnal #86

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

Middle Ages Dinner – If you are in your 40s-not yet retired, you're invited to Ana Chapa's house on November 11 at 6:30pm for a chili dinner! RSVP to Pastor Sara for the address and more information.

Silver Chalice Thanksgiving Lunch – Celebrate the season this Wednesday, November 18 with the Silver Chalice group over a Thanksgiving lunch! The turkey will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Plan to be at the church at 11:30 to get the table set, and we will eat at 11:45. Sign up at the Welcome Table or through the link in the Enews.

The Day Center Thanksgiving Drive – Through November 15 Help The Day Center provide special items for guests during Thanksgiving week by donating disposable razors, washcloths, or travel-size tissue packs. Please bring donations by Sunday, November 15. Thank you!

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Shirley Morrison, cup; Lorel Morrison, bread
Deacons: Lennox Fisher, Chris Poell, Patty Rhule, Bill Wallace
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Ramona Crawford, Marie Pichaske, Judy Walter

This Week In the Life of the Church

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 11, 6:30pm - Middle Ages Dinner
Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm on Zoom - Bible Study

Coming Soon

Sunday, November 15 - Day Center Drive Items Due
Sunday, November 15 - Advent Devotionals Available to Pick Up
Sunday, November 15, 12:00pm - 20s/30s/40s Pub Ministry
Wednesday, November 18, 11:30am - Silver Chalice Thanksgiving Lunch
Saturday, November 21, 1:30pm - Disciples Women Study
Saturday, November 21 - 20s/30s/40s Gamer Symphony Orchestra Concert at UMD
Sunday, November 22, 12:00pm - All-Church Advent Decorating

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



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.