## Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Bob Hindsley, cup; Lin Orrin, bread

Deacons: Diana Brande, Beth Hindsley, Pete Pichaske, Bhamini Prem

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Lorel and Shirley Morrison

### This Week In the Life of the Church

Sunday, November 16 - Elders Meeting Monday, November 17 @ 1pm - In Person Bible Study Monday, November 17 6:30 Federal Employees Fellowship Tuesday, November 18 @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, November 19, 9:30am-1pm - Silver Chalice Daytime Outing to the Basilica Thursday November 20 @ 7pm - Bible Study on Zoom (https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85031436417 Meeting ID: 850 3143 6417 Passcode: bible) Saturday, November 22 - Game Night

## **Coming Soon**

Sunday, November 23 - Hanging of the Greens Saturday, December 13 - Disciples Women In-Person Christmas Event Wednesday, December 17 - Christmas Fellowship Luncheon Sunday, December 21 - Longest Night Service

#### 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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University Christian Church Church Office Interim Admin - Katrina Dodro / cucoffice@verizon.net UCC is LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming and a Green Chalice Congregation Sunday, November 16, 2025 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.

# **Order of Worship**

Welcome/ Announcements Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

\*Congregational Song "The Light of the World"

Call to Worship Bob Hindsley

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

All: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console; All: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

\*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.

Song of Celebration

"Let All Things Now Living" verse 1 Chalice Hymnal # 717

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

Anthem

"Panis Angelicus" UCC Choir

Scripture -2 Samuel 21:1-14

**Bob Hindsley** 

Sermon Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

\*Sermon Response Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Chalice Hymnal # 86

\* Please stand as you are comfortable and able

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher

Offering

Hymn of Promise" John Farley, baritone

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 Hymn

"Table of Plenty"

**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.

\*Invitation Hymn

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Chalice Hymnal # 82

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**

Monday, November 17 @ 6:30pm Federal Workers Fellowship UCC is hosting this dinner event for Federal Workers to gather in fellowship, sharing, and support (maybe commiseration!) with other federal workers. Please RSVP (even if it's "maybe") so we can make sure to have enough food. See Pastor Sara or Jim Duff for more information.

Wednesday, November 19 Silver Chalice Event Join us for a tour of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. We'll leave UCC parking lot @ 9:30am for a 10am tour. Next is lunch at Potbelly's in Brookland. The tour is free, just bring money for lunch. Return to UCC about 1pm. If you're interested in spirituality, architecture or art, this should be a fun experience! RSVP to Pastor Sara TODAY and let her know your carpool/driving preference. Silver Chalice is our new group for those 65+, but everyone is invited, regardless of age!

**Saturday, November 22 @ 6:30pm Game Night** Love board games? Interested in a new card game? Bring an appetizer and join your church friends for fun, laughter, and fellowship.

**The Day Center Thanksgiving Drive** -Please donate to The Day Center! UCC is collecting: <u>~ men's underwear (sizes M-XL are most needed)</u> ~ <u>disposable razors</u> ~ <u>tissue packs</u> Please bring items to church by Sunday, November 23.