

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 “Hear Our Praises” - Chalice Praise #41

Call to Worship Lennox Fisher

One: O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

ALL: You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

One: You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

ALL: Let us worship the God who makes us one.

*Please be seated

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer Lennox Fisher

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 “But the Lord is Mindful of His Own” by Felix Mendelssohn, UCC Choir

Scripture - Genesis 29-32 Lennox Fisher

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 “Firm Foundation (He Won't)”

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 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken” - Chalice Hymnal #387

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 “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence” - Chalice Hymnal #633
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

School Supply Drive ends next week! Please bring items in by next Sunday for dedication at our Back to School Sunday!

The Congregational Retreat Registration Deadline is next Sunday. The registration link can be found in the Enews; see Pastor Sara if you have any questions.

Thank you to those serving today:

Elders: Joyce Holloway, cup; Amparo Duff, bread

Deacons: Treedy Chapa, Amy Pate, Bill Wallace, Lennox Fisher

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marie Pichaske, Barbara Dunn

This Week In the Life of the Church

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm - Dance Class

Coming Soon

Sunday, August 23 - Back to School Sunday

Saturday, August 29, 12:00pm - Disciples Women Event

Sunday, August 30, 12:30pm - Regional Restructure Discussion

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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Senior Minister: Rev. Sara Nave-Fisher/ sara@uccmd.org

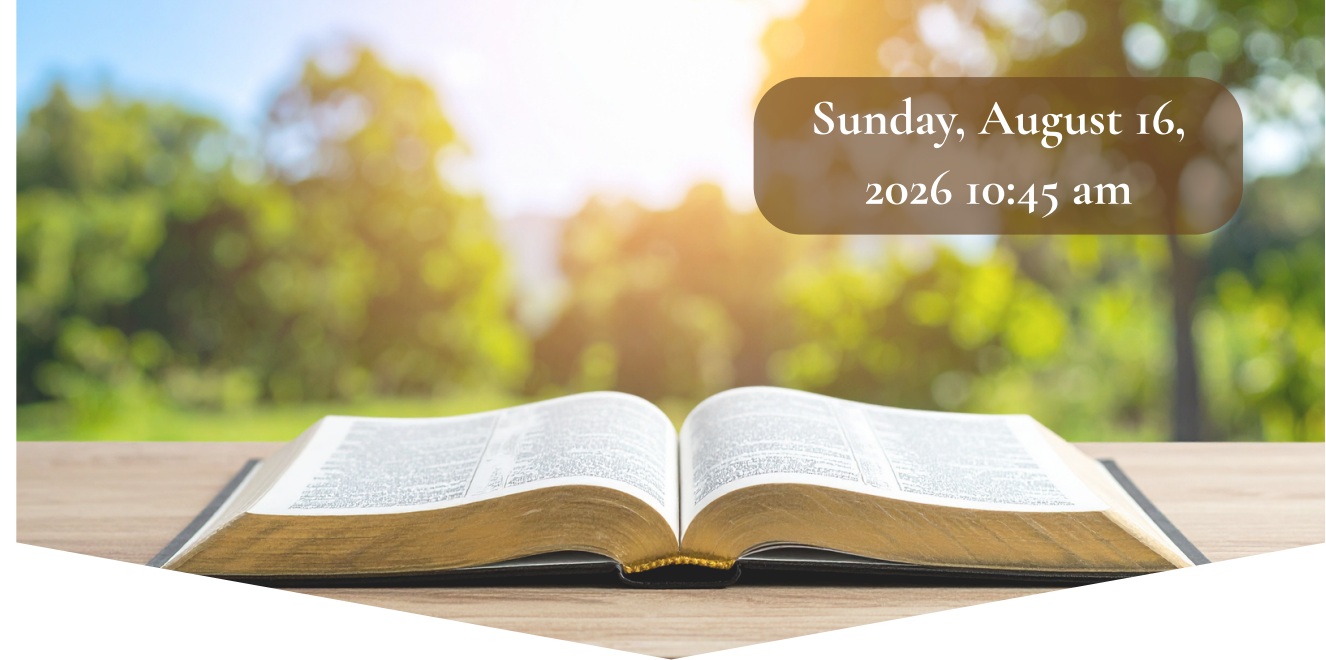
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UCC is LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming and a Green Chalice Congregation

Sunday, August 16,
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.