April 23, 2017 Earth Stewardship Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

**Celebration of Worship** 

Prelude Procession (An Easter Suite) Charles Callahan

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Processional Hymn 22 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Litany of Praise

The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

Even though there is still darkness, we focus on the Light.

\*Gloria Patri 35 Greatorex

**Baptisms and Confirmation** 

Prayer for Pastoral Search Committee

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray . . .

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) & CHORAL RESPONSE

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

9:00am Morning Has Broken Bob Chilcott 11:00am A Trumpet Alleluia Franklin D. Ashdown

\*The Doxology 46 OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Hymn 284 Gather Us In (stanza 3)

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and the Prayers of the Elders

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Christ's table is open to all.

An Easter Meditation Charles Callahan

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

\*The congregation is invited to stand at these times of the service. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

\*(11:00am) Hymn 33

How Great Thou Art (stanzas 1 and 2)

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Parents, during 11:00am worship, please bring your first-third graders to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.

Scripture John 20:19-31

The text may be found on page 115 of the New Testament in the pew Bibles.

**Congregational Response** 

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

(11:00am) Anthem

Morning Has Broken

**Bob Chilcott** 

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day.

-Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

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Sermon Be Free!

\*Hymn of Discipleship 487 Help Us Accept Each Other (stanzas 1 and 4) Accept Each Other

\*Benediction and Choral Response

Ringing of the Tower Bells

\*Postlude Toccata (An Easter Suite) Charles Callahan

## In the Service

**Preaching** 

Chuck Rolen †Gallery

Scripture Reader
Mark Alland

**Worship Leaders** 

Shannon Moore †Lectern door Cyndy W. Twedell †Narthex door

Acolytes

Novyn Sek and Luke Jones Celia Miller Pitt and Savannah Hardin

Musicians

Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist
Chancel Choir
Todd Prickett, Choirmaster

Chancel Guild

Preparing communion today are Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton, Ann Lesok and Mandy Teichelman.

Elders

†Meg Lehman and Gregg Lehman Mimi Rogers and Kristie Gibson

†Ministers & Elders will greet you following worship at the indicated locations.

# THIS WEEK @ University Christian Church

#### **BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION\* CELEBRATIONS:**

9:00am
Maeve Flanigan
Anika Junker

Julia Shaw\*

Miles Baker
Ben Lanter
Isabel Terry

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN** are available at the Gallery door. Check out this new way to engage our children in worship. Please

return the Worship Bags after worship.

## **COMMON GROUND BIBLE STUDY | TODAY**

Join us at 10:00am in Room 313 as we begin a new study on the Gospel of Matthew. Email mwilliams\_tx@live.com for more information.

## EARTH STEWARDSHIP LUNCH | TODAY | 12:15PM

Caring for God's Creation will provide a home-cooked, environmentally-friendly lunch. \$5 per person, \$20 max per family.

# **CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT | TODAY | 2:00PM**



Accompanied by string orchestra, the choir will perform anthems by Handel and Bach, and a new work, "Sunrise Mass" by Norwegian-American composer Ola Gjeilo. Free Admission.

# PICKLEBALL | TODAY

Join us from 4:30-6:00pm in Walker Hall. You are welcome to swing by at any time or stay for the entire evening! No experience necessary.

**VBS and Mission VBS**—UCC member and volunteer registration continues through **April**. Visit ucckids.org to register your child for VBS and to register as an adult or youth volunteer. Don't miss out on VBS 2017!

**Music Makers Camp** follows VBS in the afternoons, 12:00-3:00pm. \$60 includes lunch and t-shirt. Register at universitychristian.org for children entering 2-7 grades. Email marsha@uccftw.com for details.

**Yoga with Julie Vitek—Mondays**, 12:30-1:30pm in Room 205. \$5. Bring your own mat and blanket if possible.

Homeless Connect—Thursday, April 27, 9:00am-1:00pm at First Presbyterian Church (1000 Penn St -76102) is a one day 'fair' where homeless people may receive on the spot services and hospitality. Contact Donna Laminack at 817.927.3090 or dlyn22@hotmail.com for more details or to sign up.

Cheer on the UCC Softball Team—Friday, April 28, 7:45pm. All games are played on Field #5 at Gateway Park (4800 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., 76117).

**Children's Choir Spring Musical**—*Are We There Yet?* Make plans to attend on **April 30** in Walker Hall. The children are working very hard under the direction of Mary Farmer and are excited to share their production with you. Join us for a snack lunch at noon followed by the performance at 12:30pm.

Rosemont Elementary 'Gift-a-Book' Challenge—Sunday April 30. Your monetary contributions ensure every student at Rosemont receives a book to call their own. Donations of any amount will be accepted in The Gallery and outside of Walker Hall prior to the UCC Children's Choir Spring Musical. (Donate online – select Kids Hope for payment designation).

**Donations Needed for Prom Dreams Boutique**—This ministry of UCC helps young women, who might not otherwise attend prom, find a dress and accessories. The boutique is open on **Thursdays**, 5:00-7:00pm and **Saturdays**, 10:00am-12:00pm through **May 7**. Dresses, jewelry, shoes and purses may be dropped off at the front reception area at any time.

Canned Food Challenge begins Monday, May 1. 'Can' we reach 1000 cans this year?! Drop off your non-perishable food items in the collection bin near the Receptionist all through May.

Celebrate Our High School Graduates—Senior Banquet, May 3, 6:00pm in Walker Hall. Catered dinner is \$10 per person. RSVP by Sunday, April 30 through the open registrations link on universitychristian.org or to robin.doyle@uccftw.com.



Legacy Society Kick-Off Celebration—Thursday, May 4 at 6:30pm | Walker Hall Come and celebrate with us! You are invited to share a delicious catered dinner, live music and recognize those who are investing in UCC's future. Don't miss the party—RSVP is necessary to attend. To learn more stop by the information table in the Gallery after today's service. UniversityChristian.org/Legacy-Kick-Off • Pam Reeser at pam@uccftw.com.



#### **AVAILABLE:**

- A Complete Sunday School Program for All Ages Meets at 10:00am
- Childcare provided from 8:45am-12:00pm for infants-Kindergarten
- Handicap accessible restrooms located in The Gallery (second floor)
- Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one

#### **CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS**

Elders Meeting: Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30pm, Room 207

Members of the congregation may attend these meetings with the exception of any portion of a meeting held in Executive Session.

Ministers Are On Call and available after hours and on weekends for pastoral care emergencies. If you have a need, call us at **817.926.6631**, and follow the prompts.

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#### **PROGRAM CONTACTS:**

Rev. Dr. Chuck Rolen, Interim Senior Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Senior Associate Minister; Rev. Shannon Moore, Associate Minister; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Associate Minister for Adults and College; Whitney Peters, Assistant Minister for High School; Tyler Heston, Assistant Minister for Middle School; Rev. Kera Watts, Associate Minister for Children; Dr. Todd Prickett, Director of Music/Choirmaster; Kyla K. Rosenberger, Senior Organist.

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