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Sunday school classes for children, youth, college and adults meet at 10:00am every Sunday. Adult class topics are located at the Sanctuary doors and front reception desk.



Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor). Assisted listening devices, large print hymnals and bulletins are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.



Childcare is provided from 8:45am-12:15pm for children ages infant through kindergarten.

Helping Us Worship Today

Chancel Guild

Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton,
Ann Lesok, Mandy Teichelman

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Earth Stewardship Sunday.

Worship Bags for Children

Worship Bags are available at the Gallery door. Check out this way to engage our children in worship. Please return them after worship.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Minister of Nurture; Rev. Shannon Moore, Minister of Faith Formation; Jamie Plunkett, Minister of Youth & Families; Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, Minister of Music; Rev. Jessica Vacketta, Minister of Connections; Rev. Kera Watts, Minister of Children & Families; Tyler Heston, Assistant Minister for Youth; Josh Jackson, Assistant Minister for Youth; Joshua Ridenour, Organ Scholar

AS A GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATION UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR:

OUR MISSIONARY PARTNERS: Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo | Elena Huegel, Mexico.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:  Elena Huegel, Mexico



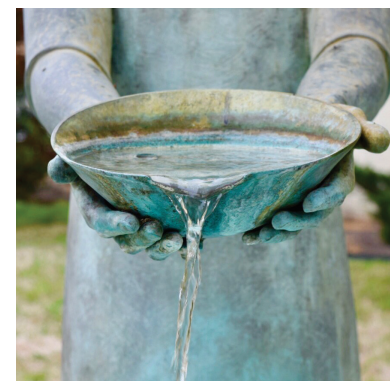
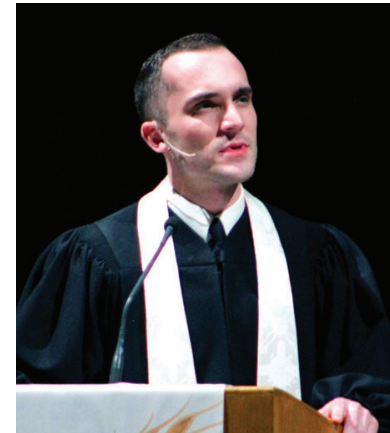
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This Week

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Today in worship, we join with faith communities across the country in celebrating Earth Stewardship Sunday. As we gratefully receive countless blessings from God’s glorious creation we recognize our responsibility for its care.
“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1



HEARING AND HEALING:
TABLE CONVERSATIONS ON
GUN VIOLENCE

Wednesday, April 25
6:00pm • Walker Hall
Rev. Dr. Joretta Marshall will guide our discussion as we gather at the Table, in the spirit of welcome and inclusion, to share concerns and listen for God’s direction on the subject of gun violence. Communion will be served. Boxed supper and childcare provided for those who RSVP’d by April 18.

Welcome to Worship
Today and April 29 | 10:00am • Room 109
Current 4’s and K’s continue our Welcome to Worship class during the 10:00am Sunday school hour and throughout the 11:00am worship time.



Prom Dreams Boutique is Open!
This ministry provides dresses and accessories to local students at no cost—offering a boutique atmosphere, preserving the enjoyment of the traditional prom shopping experience. Volunteers needed; sign up online.

Finals Care Packages Now through April 29
Support our students away from home during finals and send a care package. Names and addresses are located on the Gallery Table.

Children’s Musical: A Technicolor Promise
Sunday, April 29 | Following 11:00am Worship
Join our children’s choir as they tell the story of Noah and the ark in a new way! A snack lunch is provided. Free to all.

Blanket The World With Love
Today thru May 6 • Gallery
Beautiful Mother’s Day cards available. A \$10 contribution pays for a blanket (through Church World Service) which will provide comfort, warmth and compassion to our neighbors in the US and around the world facing displacement, disaster or the strain of poverty.



Genesis Class Welcomes Dr. Debbie Rhea
Sunday, April 29 | 10:00am • Room 203
Dr. Rhea, Associate Dean for Health Sciences and Research at TCU, will speak about her work in the Liinks Project, a researched-base program designed to improve education through the power of playtime.

College Lock-in
Friday, April 27 | 6:30pm–9:00am
All students are welcome for a night of food, games, worship and relaxing. Study spaces will be available. E-mail jessica@uccftw.com for more information.

Weekday School Family Night
Thursday, April 26 | 6:00pm • Walker Hall
All families are welcome for free pizza and a fun performance by Mr. Mark!

Rosemont Book Drive
Sunday, April 29 | After 9:00am • Gallery
After 11:00am • Walker Hall
Celebrate ‘reading is out of this world’ and contribute to the drive which will provide a book to every student at Rosemont Elementary School. Make a donation and sign a bookplate today!



CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE MEETINGS
Elders Meeting | Tuesday, April 24 • 6:30pm | Room 207

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Upcoming

AT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For more information or to register for the following, visit our website, UniversityChristian.org



Yoga with Julie Vitek
Mondays 12:30pm–1:30pm | Room 205
Bring your own mat if possible. Cost is \$5.



Belltower Series: Elijah Concert
Sunday, May 6 | 7:00pm • UCC Sanctuary
UCC’s Chancel Choir under the direction of Dr. Todd Prickett will present Mendelssohn’s famous oratorio, “Elijah”, accompanied by professional orchestra and featuring UNT professor and baritone, Dr. Jeffrey Snider, in the title role; admission is free.



Softball at Gateway Park Schedule
Friday, May 4 | 7:45pm • Field 3
Friday, May 18 | 6:45pm • Field 1
Friday, May 25 | 6:45pm • Field 3



Newcomers Class Sundays: May 6, 13, 20
10:00am • Room 201
All are welcome. Get to know others, learn more about UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Invite your friends to attend UCC and this informative class. Email mgroom@uccftw.com for more information.



Refugee Services of Texas Update
Sunday, May 6 | 10:00am • Walker Hall
Becky Storey, Area Director of RST, will give an update on the refugee crisis and provide information on ways we can serve refugees and immigrants in Fort Worth.



Music Makers Camp
June 26–29 • 12:00pm–3:00pm
For children entering grades two through seven, this music camp directly follows VBS. Lunch is provided at noon; cost is \$60 per child. Register online. Contact margelizabethfarmer@yahoo.com for more information.



College Lunch Bunch
Wednesdays | 12:00pm • College Lounge
All college students are invited to a free lunch in the college lounge.



Senior Banquet
Wednesday, May 2 | 6:00pm • Walker Hall
This annual banquet honors our graduating high school seniors. All are welcome to attend, please RSVP by April 25.



Prayer Beads
Saturday, May 5 | 10:00am • Room 204
Prayer beads are made for UCC and THR Harris Hospital for people in crisis situations. Email pam@uccftw.com to learn more.



The Guys Work Day
May 5 • 8:30am–12:00pm
All men are invited to help do preventative maintenance and cleanup around the church building and grounds—lunch provided. If you plan to attend, please email john.andrus@wnco.com for task and lunch planning.



Finals Feast: Fiesta
Monday, May 7 | 6:00–8:00pm • Walker Hall
A time for students to take a break from studying, de-stress, and celebrate the end of the semester. Volunteers needed, register online. Email jessica@uccftw.com to learn more.



Vacation Bible School | June 26–29
VBS for children two years through third-grade and Mission VBS for fourth and fifth-graders. Registration is open for everyone. Cost is \$20 per child, discounts and childcare available for parents who volunteer. For more information, contact robin.doyle@uccftw.com.



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Today’s scripture reading is from the Inclusive Bible Translation

The lyrics for today’s anthem were penned by poet Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917). This setting was composed by famous English composer, John Rutter, who has been described by his contemporary David Willcocks as “the most gifted composer of his generation.”

The Sermon is a message based on scripture that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ and helps to strengthen faith within the gathered community.

University Christian Church is a warm community that welcomes everyone to the table. If you proclaim Jesus as the Christ and would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to come forward during the Hymn of Discipleship or speak to a minister after worship.

The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

Scripture | Genesis 1

Readers: Mike Herring, Reverend Shannon Moore, Lynita Yarbrough

Congregational Response

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00am) Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth • John Rutter

Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heav’n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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Sermon | Serve God/Save the Planet

Reverend Russ Peterman

*Hymn of Discipleship 697, stanza 1

Creative God, You Spread the Earth

Hymn Tune: KINGSFOLD

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Ringing of the Tower Bells

*Postlude

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above • Neil Harmon

Celebration of Worship

April 22, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am



Living the good news of Jesus Christ
with open minds and loving hearts



The information in these margins will help guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter, usher or minister.

Red text is read by the congregation.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

Gloria Patri (Latin for “Glory be to the Father”) is an ancient prayer of praise. Early Christians usually referred to God in masculine terms. You might sing “Mother” or “Creator” instead of “Father,” depending on how you think about God.

(9:00am) Prelude

Creation Will Be at Peace • Anna Laura Page
UCC Bell Ringers and Dr. Todd Prickett, director

(11:00am) Prelude

Let All Things Now Living • Robert A. Hobby
Dr. Amy Stewart, guest organist

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Procession of the Acolytes

Acolytes: (9:00am) Novyn Sek and Luke Jones
(11:00am) Grace Gibson and Sarah Beth Lo

Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Cyndy W. Twedell

*Processional Hymn 22 | All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Litany of Praise

One: How wonderful are the works of God!
All: We give thanks and praise for the beauty of creation.
One: God made all living things and calls us to care for and protect them all.
All: As people of faith, we strive to care for all of creation.
One: God equips and empowers us to live as good stewards.
All: Let us praise our Creator together!

*Gloria Patri 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

Call to Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) For the Beauty of the Earth • John Rutter
Chancel Choir
(11:00am) Creation Will Be at Peace • Anna Laura Page
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*The Doxology 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

(11:00am) Communion Hymn 423, stanzas 1 & 2

Become to Us the Living Bread
Hymn Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT

The Lord’s Supper | Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayers of the Elders
Elders: (9:00am) Leslie Dell, bread and Bea Smith, cup
(11:00am) Shirley Branham, bread and Tim Lee, cup

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*(11:00am) Hymn 62, stanzas 1, 2 & 4 | Creator God, Creating Still

Hymn Tune: ST. ANNE

11:00am worship, 1st-3rd graders are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the Hymn of Discipleship.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. It asks God to help us be generous, thankful, and humble. We say this prayer together each week at the end of the Pastoral Prayer.

You are welcome to give through the “ShelbyNext Giving” app, online or via text to 817-241-2780. Simply text the amount you want to give and follow the prompts.

Doxology is Greek for “words of glory.” We use this ancient form of praise to thank God as the offering is brought forward with the bread and juice for the Lord’s Supper.

The Lord’s Supper (also called communion) is a celebration of Christ’s love for the world. We share this meal each week and everyone is welcome to participate. Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient worship responses. Having received Christ’s peace, we pass it on.