#### **General Information**



Get UCC Emails: Pick and choose which e-mails to view, visit our website and click the link "Email List Sign Up" at the bottom of the web page to opt in or out of receiving one or all of our emails.



Watch worship services live at www.UniversityChristian.org/live or on our Facebook page University Christian Church of Fort Worth via Facebook Live. Watch recorded sermons at www.UniversityChristian.org/resources/sermons.



Listen to worship services live on KTCU 88.7 or the recorded sermons at www.UniversityChristian.org/resources/radio-broadcast.



Ministers are on call, 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, fill out the pastoral care request form found at the bottom of our website or email us at pastoralcare@uccftw.com.



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 are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.



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

#### **OUR MINISTRY TEAM:**

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, Senior Minister; Rev. Renee Hoke, Executive Minister; Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, Minister of Nurture: Rev. Shannon Moore. Minister of Faith Formation: Rev. 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; Allison Bright, Assistant Minister for Youth; William Judd, Assistant Minister for Youth; Janet Pummill, Senior Organist; Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster; Dr. Amy Stewart, Assistant Organist

#### AS A GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATION UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR:

Our missionary partners: Elena Huegel, Mexico and Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana.

This week we pray for: Lebanon and Mission Coworker Nishan Bakalian



#### AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for creation.

#### **LEARN MORE ABOUT:**

Our ministries at UniversityChristian.org | The Disciples of Christ, visit disciples.org













# "UNIVERSITY Christian Church











Photos from Back to Church Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks

Open minds, loving hearts

August 26, 2018 www.UniversityChristian.org



# Welcome

We're glad to have you at University Christian Church. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you with open minds and loving hearts—as God does. We're not afraid of your past experiences or your present struggles. We choose love instead of judgment, loving people where they are and giving them the space to doubt, wonder, probe and ask the hard questions.



- Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister

# Who We Are

### Vision

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

#### Mission

University Christian Church is dedicated to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ through deeply spiritual worship, study, and service. Founded on the campus of Texas Christian University and shaped by our academic heritage, University Christian Church encourages a spirit of openness and freedom of thought. We are called to create a loving and caring community for all people, and work together for justice and peace in our world. Recognizing that our spiritual journeys are all different, we strive to be respectful and inclusive concerning each individual's relationship with God.

# In faithful witness we commit to our Mission through:

Worship, Outreach and Social Justice, Relationships and Partnerships, Education and Spiritual Growth and The Arts



Thank you for wearing a name tag as we learn names and encourage a spirit of hospitality. Disposable name tags can be found on the tables in the Gallery. Order permanent name tags via the Name Tag Orders link under Open Registrations.

LIVE STREAMING all worship services

on our website and Facebook page.

# 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 loving memory of my parents, Roy and Valta Reynolds, by Rena Reynolds. The flowers in the Gallery are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Graham Frick, by her family.

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.

# This Week at university christian church

For upcoming programs and events, please refer to the latest monthly Journal that was mailed to you, or pick one up from the silver stands found outside each of the Sanctuary doors.

#### **Youth Begins**

JYF grades 1-5 • 5:00pm Chi-Rho grades 6-8 • 6:30pm CYF grades 9-12 • 6:30pm

Come join us Sunday evenings for fun, fellowship, games, prayer and worship!

### **Welcome College Students!**

We're glad you joined us in worship today. Swing by our college table in the Gallery after services to meet current students and learn more about UCC. We will gather in the Gallery following the 11 am service to walk to Dutch's for lunch.

#### **Lunch Bunch**

Wednesdays • 12:00pm | RM 223 College Lounge Join us for Lunch Bunch! Contact: jessica@uccftw.com

# **Bag-it Night**

#### September 5 · 6:00pm | Walker Hall

Help assemble over 3,600 uniforms into bags for distribution to students in the FWISD. We need volunteers before, during, and after the Bag-It Night event to move boxes, distribute bags, loadup counselor cars and more. Sign up online to help with a specific job.

# **Business Office Closure • August 27-31**

Business Office will be closed on these days as we relocate to our new space on 3rd floor! For immediate assitance, email michelle@uccftw.com.

# Youth Handbell Choir Meeting

#### Today • 5:00pm-6:00pm | Shirey Hall

This meeting is required for all parents and youth that plan to ring handbells this year. Directors will be available to answer questions. Preliminary information regarding next summer's England Tour will be discussed. Contact: todd.prickett@uccftw.com

# **Weekday School First Day of Class**

### August 27

Weekday School will welcome children back to class on Monday, August 27 for another year of learning and fun! Contact: robin.doyle@uccftw.com

#### Room in The Inn-Last Week to Serve

Provide a welcome respite to those experiencing homelessness. Serve by greeting our guests, cooking, providing transportation, and more. Contact carolmstewart@sbcqlobal.net to sign-up to serve on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

# Wednesday Bible Study—All are welcome! Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

Bible study led by Rev. Shannon Moore. Currently studying Jesus' teachings in the Gospel of Matthew.

# **CCSW Men's Retreat September 21-23: Registration Due!**

The 2018 Regional Men's Retreat will be led by keynote speakers Rev. Dr. Doug Skinner and Rev. Dr. Chris Wilson at beautiful Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat in Brownwood. Texas. Register at ccsw.org/disciples-men/



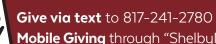
#### **CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Children's Team Meeting | Today • 9:00am | Third Floor Kitchen Elder's Meeting | Tuesday, August 28 · 7:00pm | RM 207











Faithful giving supports the ministries of our church and helps us develop generosity as a spiritual practice.

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 welcome everyone to participate in sharing this meal each week. Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts, and corn and we also use alcohol-free grape juice.

**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 Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) Antiphon (from "Five Mystical Songs") • Ralph Vaughan Williams Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

(11:00am) Panis Angelicus • Cesar Franck

Christina Mucker, alto

May the bread of angels become bread for humankind; The bread of heaven puts all foreshadowing to an end; Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the servant, and the humble.

(Latin translation)

# \*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 402, stanzas 1 & 2

According to Thy Gracious Word

Hvmn Tune: DUNDEE

#### Invitation to the Table

# The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Ellen Myers, bread & Shirley Branham, cup (11:00am) Ellen Myers, bread & Linda Bennett, cup

# The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Hymn of Discipleship 614, stanzas 1 & 5

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Hymn Tune: I'M GONNA LIVE

# \*Benediction and Choral Response

# \*Ringing of the Tower Bells

#### \*Postlude

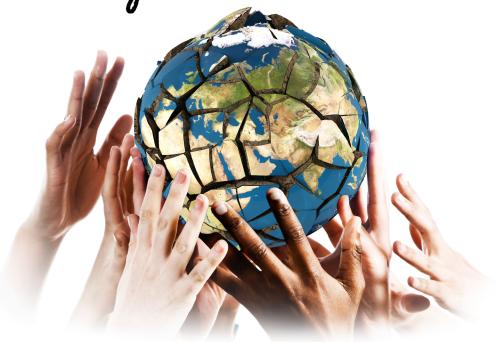
Festive Trumpet Tune • David German

# Celebration of Worship

August 26, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Sermon Series · August 12-September 2

Seeking WHOLENESS
INA Fragmented World



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Welcome to University Christian Church, we're glad you're here!

The information in these margins will 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.

In our worship, any gender-specific language is meant to apply to all genders, and all references to God are intended to encompass the full character and nature of God. In the Gloria Patri, for instance, you might sing "Mother" or "Creator" instead of "Father", depending on how you think about God.

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.

#### Prelude

Love Bade Me Welcome (from "Five Mystical Songs") · Ralph Vaughan Williams Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

# **Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes**

(9:00am) Emerson Self and Eric Self (11:00am) Ward Butler and Adelaide Butler

#### Welcome and Call to Worship

Reverend Jessica Vacketta

# \*Processional Hymn 7 | When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Hymn Tune: ENGELBERG

#### \*Litany of Praise

One: We gather together in God's holy presence.

All: Let us bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.

One: God clothes us in justice and faithfulness.

All: We will sing our songs of joy to the God of love.

#### \*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 Jamie Plunkett** 

#### **Call to Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray.

# Pastoral Prayer, 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.

#### (11:00am) Anthem

**Antiphon (from "Five Mystical Songs")** • Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly:

The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

The church with Psalms must shout.

No door can keep them out,

But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

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# The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

Today at 9 and 11 am, 1st graders are invited to meet in the gallery to attend a special "Welcome to Worship" gathering. During 11 am worship, 2nd – 3rd graders are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary following the sermon.

# **Scripture** | Ephesians 5:15-20

Reader: (9:00am) Walter Echols (11:00am) Eldon Irving

# **Congregational Response**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Sermon: Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures**

Reverend Russ Peterman

#### \*The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

# \*Hymn of Response 251 | O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Hymn Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

# **Invitation to Offering**

This morning's anthem is a triumphant hymn of praise composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, the foremost English composer in the first half of the 20th century. In his writing, you can hear both national and cosmopolitan influences.

You can find today's scripture reading on page 194 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

The Sermon is a message based on scripture that proclaims God's love and helps to strengthen faith within the gathered community.

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