#### **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: 

Japan and Mission Coworker Martha Mensendiek



#### 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 School Bag-it Night

Open minds, loving hearts

September 9, 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: Carol Smith, Dan Smith, Kyle Killion

**Chancel Flowers**: The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Rev. David Kagiwada and North American Pacific/Asian Disciples Ministry Week.

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.

## Featured Events at UNIVERSITY

Detailed information on programs and events can be found in our monthly UCC Journal—seen online, mailed to you or picked up from a silver stand (found near each Sanctuary entrance).

We apologize if you came across the broken web-form link, www.universitychristian. org/mail-journal, to opt-in to continue to receive the UCC Journal by mail. The error has been corrected and we are extending the time to opt-in through the end of November. In addition to opting-in electronically, we are now providing paper forms and drop-off containers in the Gallery, Arches and Front Desk.





#### TOMORROW, September 10 · 8:00am **Waterchase Golf Club**

Several Disciples of Christ congregations are partnering with Trinity Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a deserving family. There are still a few spots available that we are looking to fill. Cost per player is \$150. Help support this cause—secure your spot today by contacting Mike Morton, m\_morton@sbcglobal.net.

#### Women Who Make a Difference Lunch Sunday, September 16 · 12:15pm | RM 207



Join us as we celebrate Lindsay Klatzkin, Executive Director of Tarrant Churches Together and Vice Chair of UCC's Board of Stewards. RSVP for lunch (\$12) and childcare by

TOMORROW, September 10, in the Gallery today or on our website (under Resources>Open Women Registrations).



#### Wednesday, September 19 6:00pm | Walker Hall

Dr. Lynn Hampton, a sociologist, will guide our discussion as we gather, in the spirit of welcome

and inclusion. We will share concerns and listen for God's direction on the subject of racism. A boxed supper will be available and communion will be served. Child-friendly programming, mirroring the discussion, will be available to those in grades 1-5. Youth are welcome to join the main discussion in Walker Hall. Childcare for preschool thru kindergarten will be available by reservation.

Volunteers are needed for set up/clean up and to greet. RSVP online by September 16 to reserve your meal and/or childcare.

#### RECURRING EVENTS

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

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Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 205

**Lunch Bunch** 

Wednesdays • 12:00pm College Lounge (RM 223)

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205 Yoga with Julie Vitek

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205 Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

#### Faithfully Fit Forever

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205 Wednesdays & Fridays 11:00am | RM 205



#### CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Building and Grounds Committee** | Today • 12:15pm | RM 226 **Church and The Arts Meeting** | Monday, September 10 · 6:30pm | RM 150



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.

#### \*Hymn of Response 575, stanzas 1 & 2 | Come and Find the Quiet Center

Hymn Tune: BEACH SPRING

#### **Invitation to Offering**

#### The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00am) O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster (11:00am) He That Keepeth Israel • Adolphe Schlosser Leah Edmondson Dyer, soprano

#### \*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 257, stanzas 1 & 3

There's a Spirit in the Air

Hymn Tune: LAUDS

#### Invitation to the Table

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

Elders: (9:00am) Meg Lehman, bread & Gregg Lehman, cup (11:00am) Zena McAdams, bread & Cy Rowell, cup

#### The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

**Gavotte** • Michael Head

#### \*Hymn of Discipleship 537, stanzas 1 & 2 | My Hope Is Built

Hymn Tune: THE SOLID ROCK

#### \*Benediction and Choral Response

\*Ringing of the Tower Bells

#### \*Postlude

**Toccata for Organ** • John Weaver

# **Celebration of Worship**

September 9, 2018 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Sermon Series • September 9-September 30



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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

Concerto in Bb for Oboe , Op. 7 • Tomaso Albinoni Allegro e non presto Adagio

Elise Belk, oboe Janet Pummill, organ

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

(9:00am) Hope Hatter (11:00am) Elizabeth Bailey and Amelia Alsleben

#### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Reverend Renee Hoke

#### \*Processional Hymn 65 | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG

#### \*Litany of Praise

One: All praise to our powerful and merciful God!

All: Our strength comes from God.
One: The God of truth abides forever.

All: We lift our prayers of praise to the Eternal One.

#### \*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**

#### \*Litany for David Kagiwada Sunday & NAPAD Ministry Week

Tim Lee

One: Today we remember the life and spirit of Rev. Kagiwada. The witness and welcome that he brought to all he encountered reflected a God of peace, justice, hospitality and grace.

All: O God, we give our thanks and praise.

One: We acknowledge the hard realities of our world today. May we work for peace and continue the vision of Rev. Kagiwada towards wholeness, humility and love.

All: O God, we lift our hearts and minds to you.

One: Today we renew our commitment to loving in peace and proclaiming the Gospel Message. May we be mindful of our connections to one another and live into the justice of God's realm.

All: O God, we rejoice in your holy name.

#### **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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home. Amen!

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#### The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

Today at 9:00am and 11:00am, 1st graders are invited to meet in the gallery to attend a special "Welcome to Worship" gathering. During 11:00am 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 | Psalm 46 Reader: Chad Cline

**Congregational Response** 

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Too Busy for God Reverend Russ Peterman

#### \*The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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This morning's anthem is based upon a text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). set to an early 18thcentury English hymn tune, and arranged by Mack Wilberg, conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Mr. Wilberg will be featured on UCC's Belltower Series for a special concert with our Chancel Choir and the Arlington Master Chorale next March.

You can find today's scripture reading on pages 517-518 of the Old 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.