#### **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: Zambia and Mission Coworker Robert Breckenridge



#### 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 Women Who Make A Difference Lunch and Hearing & Healing: Table Conversation on Racism

Open minds, loving hearts

September 23, 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.

#### Helping Us Worship Today

Chancel Guild: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Nancy Strickland

Chancel Flowers: The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God

and in loving memory of Gene Lorey by the Lorey 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.

#### Special Reconciliation Offering • Sunday, September 30 & October 7

This offering funds our larger Church's (DOC) mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church.

### Featured Events at UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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).

Please opt-in to continue to receive the UCC Journal by mail at this link, www.universitychristian.org/ mail-journal, or by filling out a paper form. Forms and drop-off containers can be found in the Gallery, Arches and Front Desk. The opt-in period will go through the end of November.





SEMINAR—Being A Good **Steward of Our Personal Resources** by Lindsey Humbert of Thrivent Financial

Wednesday, September 26

6:30pm-8:30pm | Walker Hall

Today is the last day to RSVP to reserve your meal (\$8) and/or childcare.

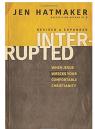
## **SPREAD NOT GERMS**

#### Free Flu Shots For Adults Sunday, September 30 ·

10:00am-12:30pm | Arches Free flu shots will be provided to adults on Sunday, September

30. We give thanks for UCC's Faith Community Nurses and their 20 years of faithful service in promoting good health and quality of life.

### Jen Hatemaker's, Interrupted, Book Study **Begins September 30 | Various Locations**



Excited about the Mess and Moxie Tour? Join Women's Ministry for this 4-week book study. Two groups: Sundays 6:15pm-7:15pm at the home of Ann Darr or Wednesdays 9:15pm-10:15pm in RM 228. Please RSVP

to cyndy@uccftw.com for more details about this exciting fellowship opportunity!



#### **Mission Worth It!** October 5-8 | Various Location

An opportunity for the whole family! All ages are invited to serve together throughout Fort Worth

and learn how we can continue to support refugees and immigrant families. Serve one morning or the entire weekend. RSVP online by October 1.

Sunday, October 7 3:00pm | Portecochere

Bring your pets for this service of blessing led

by Rev. Russ Peterman. There will be a memory table—bring a photograph, toy or other meaningful item to honor your pets.

#### **RECURRING EVENTS**

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

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

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

#### Wednesdays • 12:00pm

College Lounge (RM 223)

**College Lunch Bunch** 

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205 **Prom Dreams Boutique** 

We have a need for volunteers! Thursdays • 5:00pm-7:00pm And by appointment



#### CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Boars Head Guild Meeting | Today, September 23 · 12:15pm | RM 150 Elders Meeting | Tuesday, September 25 · 7:00pm | RM 207







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 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 391, stanzas 1 & 5

These I Lay Down

Hymn Tune: LAYING DOWN

#### Invitation to the Table

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

Elders: (9:00am) Leslie Dell, bread & John Andrus, cup (11:00am) Tim Lee, bread & John Andrus, cup

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

\*Hymn of Discipleship 20, stanzas 1 & 2 | I'll Praise My Maker

Hymn Tune: OLD 113TH

\*Benediction and Choral Response

\*Ringing of the Tower Bells

#### \*Postlude

Trumpet Tune on MIT FREUDEN ZART • arr. Michael Helman

## **Celebration of Worship**

September 23, 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**

Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" • arr. Robert A. Hobby Janet Pummill, Senior Organist

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

(9:00am) Emma Jane Farmer (11:00am) Hope Hatter

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

**Reverend Jamie Plunkett** 

#### \*Processional Hymn 6 | Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymn Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

### \*Litany of Praise

One: God's people find rest in the presence of the Holy One.

All: We gather to praise the God of all people.

One: God's people find peace in the hands of the Creator.

All: We gather to praise the God of all creation.

One: God's people are filled with the joy of the Almighty.

All: We are God's people!

#### \*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.

#### Welcoming our First Graders to Worship

**Reverend Kera Watts** 

#### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Reverend Cyndy Twedell

#### 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.

#### The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

11:00am worship, 1st-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 90:12

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

#### **Congregational Response**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon: You Are Not in Control

Reverend Russ Peterman

#### \*The Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### \*Hymn of Response 33, stanzas 1 & 4 | How Great Thou Art

Hymn Tune: O STORE GUD

#### **Invitation to Offering**

#### The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Measure of My Days • Todd Prickett
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Teach me the measure of my days, thou Maker of my frame;

I would survey life's narrow space, and learn how frail I am.

A span is all that we can boast, an inch or two of time;

We are but vanity and dust in all our flow'r and prime.

See the vain race of mortals move like shadows o'er the plain;

They rage and strive, desire and love, but all the noise is vain.

What should I wish or wait for then, from creatures, earth and dust?

They make our expectations vain, and disappoint our trust.

Now I forbid my carnal hope, my fond desires recall;

I give my mortal int'rest up, and make my God my All.

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

Today's offertory sets a text by English hymn writer and theologian, Isaac Watts (1674-1748). This particular text can be found in 243 different hymnals. The traditional Southern folk hymn tune SUFFIELD typically accompanies this text and dates back to the 1850s.

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