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**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](mailto:pastoralcare@uccftw.com).

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS



**Board of Elders Meeting • Tuesday, February 26 • 7:00pm | RM 207**

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

**Chancel Guild:** Lori Eagleton, Randy Eagleton, Ann Lesok and Mandy Teichelman


**Web Host:** Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, **Sound:** Chris Shipman, **Video:** Jack Stewart, **Radio Annoucer:** Darla Jones

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:**  Hungary and Mission Coworker Priscilla Yang

AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

Our ministries at [UniversityChristian.org](http://UniversityChristian.org) | The Disciples of Christ, visit [disciples.org](http://disciples.org)



# UNIVERSITY Christian Church

*Open minds, loving hearts*



Photos from Sunday School, JYF Bible Bowl and CYF Midwinter.

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vera Rowell by Cy, David and Steven Rowell.

The flowers in the Gallery are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joyce Valentine by her family.



# Welcome TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We choose love—as God does—loving people where they are and giving them the space to doubt, learn, wonder and ask the hard questions.

— Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



## TODAY

### Week of Compassion Special Offering

9:00am • 11:00am

### JYF (Grades 1-5)

5:00pm • RM 211

### Worship Bags for Children

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

### 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 reception desk.

### Youth Snack Supper

6:00pm • RM 312

### Youth Groups (Grades 6-12)

6:30pm • 3rd Floor

### Childcare

Available for ages infant through kindergarten from 8:45am-12:15pm.

### Children & Youth

Weekly Sunday programs for grades 1–12 encourage discipleship through fun and faith-centered activities. Music programs are available. Learn more by visiting our website or by picking up a UCC Journal.

### Simple Worship • 9:30am-9:50am | Chapel of the Good Shepherd

This twenty minute, come-as-you-are service is an opportunity to worship in a casual atmosphere.

## RECURRING EVENTS

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

### Children's Closet

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am-12:00pm

### Faithfully Fit Forever

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205

Wednesdays & Fridays

11:00am | RM 205

### Yoga

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205

Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

### Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

### Room In The Inn

Wednesday Nights &

Thursday Mornings

Sign up online to serve

### Needlers

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

### Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays • Noon

College Lounge (RM 223)

## Grab a UCC Journal—it's packed with valuable information!



*UCC Journals can be found in the silver stands located near each Sanctuary entrance, by the Front Desk, read online on our website or you can opt in to have one mailed to you.*

**Opt in to receive the UCC Journal by mail:** visit [www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal](http://www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal) or call Michelle Groom at 817-926-6631.

## Featured Events

**Register or RSVP** for programs and events online at [universitychristian.org](http://universitychristian.org), click on the Resources tab and then click on Open Registrations.

### SERVE

#### Docent Orientation

**Monday, February 25 • 6:30pm | RM 150**

Enhance the understanding of art and symbolism of UCC. Learn to lead tours of the Sanctuary and Gallery.

### SERVE

#### VBS Participant and Volunteer Registration

**Registration for UCC**

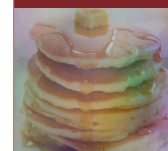
**Members Begins March 1**

**VBS is June 11-14 • Volunteers Needed**

Vacation Bible School is for children 2 years through grade 3. Mission VBS is for grades 4 and 5. Cost is \$25 per child for VBS and \$40 per child for Mission VBS. Scholarships are available by request.



### CONNECT



#### Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, March 5**

**6:00pm | Walker Hall**

Gather for Mardi Gras jazz and pancakes prepared by UCC's Men's Ministry as we celebrate together before Lent begins.

### SERVE

#### Prom Dreams Boutique Opens!

Our Prom Dreams Boutique welcomes high school students to select a formal/semi-formal dress and accessories at no cost.

**Boutique Hours:** Thursdays: 5:00pm-7:00pm, Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm or by appointment

### CONNECT

#### Annual Fine Arts Show

**Sunday, March 3 • 10:00am-2:00pm | RM 207**

**Today is the last day to register!**

Calling all artists of all ages, professional and amateur! You are invited to share and display your artwork at this year's exhibit. Entry forms, located in the Arches or Front Desk. **Contact: Judy Williamson, [williamsonjudy@rocketmail.com](mailto:williamsonjudy@rocketmail.com).**

### CONNECT

#### Connect Lunch

**Sunday, March 3 • Noon | Walker Hall**

Connect and enjoy New Orleans Muffaletta Sandwiches and Gumbo with us!

Adults, \$10. Grades 1-12, \$5. College students and children 5 and under, free.

**RSVP: In the Gallery today, [universitychristian.org/connect-dinner](http://universitychristian.org/connect-dinner) or call 817-926-6631.**

### CONNECT



#### Lenten Meals and Small Groups

**Wednesdays • 6:00pm | Walker Hall**

During Lent, small groups will gather in Walker Hall for a simple meal

at 6:00pm. At 7:00pm, the groups will go into meeting spaces for a Lenten devotion and time of building relationships with God and each other.

**Register online by March 6.**

**Contact: [shannon.moore@uccftw.com](mailto:shannon.moore@uccftw.com).**

### SERVE

#### Upcoming Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

Navajo pilgrimage in partnership with Broadway Baptist Church—July 12 through July 20.

Texas City Hurricane Relief pilgrimage—July 28 through August 3. **Contact: [mgroom@uccftw.com](mailto:mgroom@uccftw.com)**

Detailed information about **recurring events** can be **found in the UCC Journal**.

[www.UniversityChristian.org](http://www.UniversityChristian.org)



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A Disciples of Christ Congregation





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 cup for the Lord’s Supper.

The Lord’s Supper (also called communion) is a celebration of Christ’s love for the world. Christ is the host and invites all to share in this meal. 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 dedicated to Living the Good News of Jesus Christ with Open Minds and Loving Hearts. If you proclaim Jesus as the Christ and would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to 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**

Elders: (9:00am) Judy Vick  
(11:00am) Brian Gibson

**(11:00am) Communion Hymn 485, stanzas 1 & 4**

**Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race**  
Hymn Tune: TALLIS’ CANON

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Bread and Cup**

Elders: (9:00am) Diane Cooper  
(11:00am) Kristie Gibson

**The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead* • Aaron David Miller

**\*Hymn of Discipleship 526, stanzas 1 & 3 | The Gift of Love**

Hymn Tune: GIFT OF LOVE

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

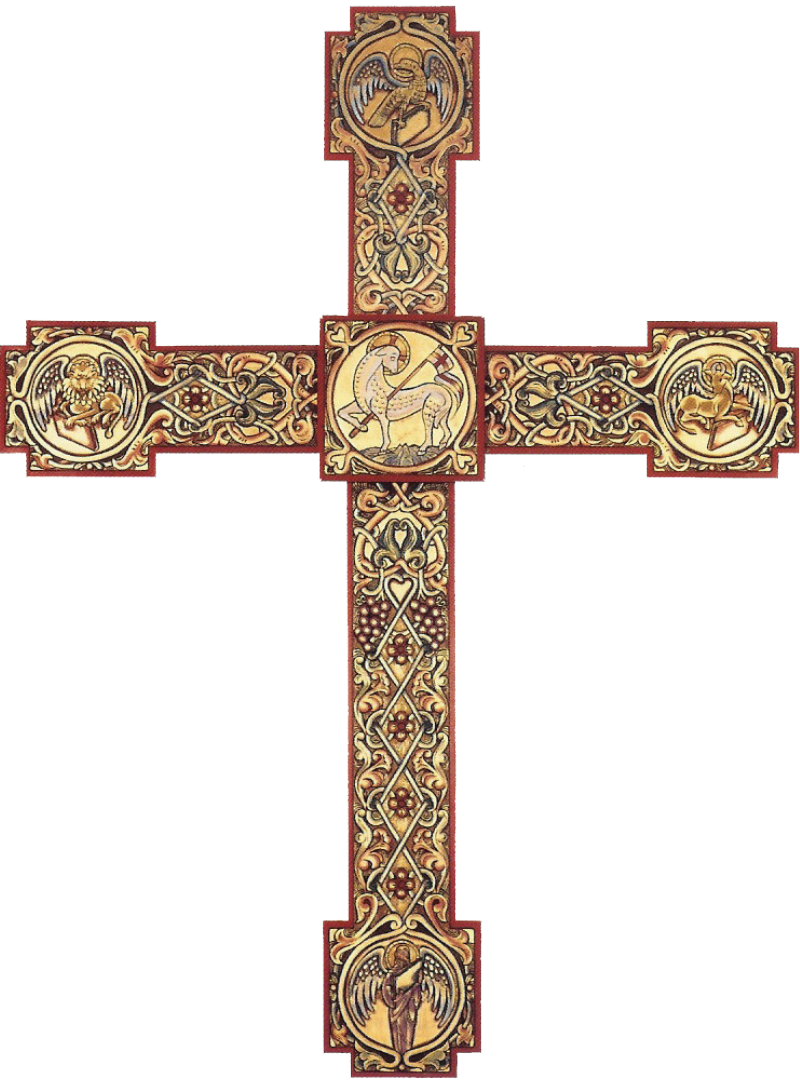
**\*Ringing of the Tower Bells**

**\*Postlude**

*All Creatures of Our God and King* • Aaron David Miller

# Celebration of Worship

February 24, 2019 | 9:00am & 11:00am



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



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

Organ Hymn • Raymond Haan  
Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

Ringling of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes  
(11:00am) Amelia Alsleben & Grace Gibson

Welcome and Call to Worship  
Reverend Jamie Plunkett

\*Processional Hymn 100 | When Morning Gilds the Skies  
Hymn Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

\*Litany of Praise  
One: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.  
All: The earth declares God's beauty.  
One: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
All: God’s word shines forth in glory.

\*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.

(11:00am) Baby Dedication and Choral Response  
Reverend Kera Watts and Reverend Russ Peterman  
John Nicholas Hanste Costas, son of Robert Costas and  
Dana St. Germain-Costas. Grandparents: John and Mary Costas  
and the late Dennis and Pat St. Germain

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
William Judd

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 | Luke 6:27-38  
Reader: (9:00am) Gregg Lehman  
(11:00am) Roy Gover

Congregational Response  
One: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Simple, Yet Not So Simple  
Reverend Russ Peterman

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

\*Hymn of Response 523 (sing 3x) | Live in Charity  
Hymn Tune: UBI CARITAS

Invitation to Offering  
Carol Stewart

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • arr. Mack Wilberg  
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster  
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n, to earth come down.  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.  
Breathe, O breathe thy loving spirit into ev’ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; alpha and omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.  
Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy host above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.  
Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

You can find today’s scripture reading on pages 64–65 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.

Faithful giving supports many ministries including Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The lyrics for today’s offertory were penned by Charles Wesley in 1747; they are considered by many to be among his finest texts. This hymn reminds us that we are only able to love one another because Christ first loved us. It is set by renowned composer, Mack Wilberg, who will be here at UCC in residency for a concert with our Chancel Choir and the Arlington Master Chorale on March 21st. Free tickets are available at the reception desk.