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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS



Board of Stewards Meeting • Tuesday, March 19 • 6:30pm | RM 150

Deacons Meeting • Sunday, March 24 • 12:15pm | RM 150

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild: Kay Campbell, Rich Darr, Nancy Strickland


Web Host: William Judd, **Sound:** Mike Coffey, **Video:** Jack Stewart, **Radio Announcer:** Troy Tuomey

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:  Nicaragua and Mission Coworker Jeanette Salley



AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:

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

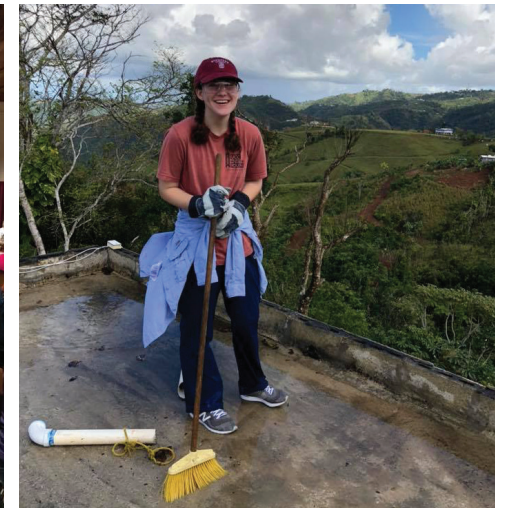
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Welcome TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



Summer Celebration Sunday • 10:00am | Walker Hall

Register or learn more about camps at Disciples Crossing, as well as the Service-Learning trips for Chi Rho and CYF youth. We'll have cinnamon rolls, camp games and hear from our youth about their most memorable camp experiences.

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.

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

Needlers

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

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

Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays • Noon

College Lounge (RM 223)

Prom Dreams Boutique

Thursdays: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Saturdays: 10:00am-12:00pm

WiLD Women Book Club

March 18 • 6:00pm | Cat City Grill

March 19 • 11:30am | RM 150

Friday Fellowship: Game Day

March 22 • 10:00am | RM 211



Grab a UCC Journal! There is a new one each month—read it online or take one from the silver stands located near Sanctuary entrances and by the Front Desk.

UCC Journal by postal mail: visit www.universitychristian.org/mail-journal or call Michelle Groom at 817-926-6631.

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Featured Events

Register or RSVP for programs and events online at universitychristian.org, click on the Resources tab and then click on Open Registrations.

CONNECT

Belltower Series:

An Evening with Mack Wilberg

Thursday, March 21 • 7:00pm | Sanctuary

We welcome Mack Wilberg, Director of Music of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, to conduct this concert featuring the UCC Chancel Choir, Arlington Master Chorale, and orchestra.

Admission is free, however tickets are required.

Pick up your tickets at the reception desk today!

GROW

Starting Point

Sundays, March 24 & 31 • 10:00am | RM 201

Starting Point is the place to be for anyone who wants to learn more about UCC, the Disciples of Christ, and what it means to be a part of the UCC family of faith. No need to register, simply join us for these two sessions.

GROW

Remembering Together

Sundays, April 7-May 19 • 10:00am

Remembering Together, is a grief support group for individuals grieving the death of a family member or friend. This group will offer the most benefit to those who have past the six month mark on the grief journey. **Contact:** cyndy@uccftw.com if you are interested in participating.

CONNECT

Good News, Good Brews

Wednesdays • 7:30pm-9:00pm

Fort Brewery & Pizza

This 21+ group gathers at a local pub to discuss faith, beliefs, and lots more in a casual atmosphere.

Contact: shannon.moore@uccftw.com.

CONNECT

Connect Dinner

Thursday, March 21 • 5:45pm | Walker Hall

We will have an earlier start to dinner to accommodate those attending the Mack Wilberg Concert at 7:00pm. Menu: Breast of Chicken with a mild pepper sauce. **Make your reservation today in the Gallery or online.**

CONNECT

Rice & Beans Cook-off

Sunday, March 31 • 12:15pm | Walker Hall

Join us as we support our partners in Nicaragua and enjoy classic Nicaraguan cuisine—Arroz y Frijoles—rice and beans! \$10 per adult and \$3 for children. **Register online by March 27 to enter the Rice and Beans competition.**

GROW

ABC's of Health

Sundays, April 7 • 1:00pm | RM 207

Monthly health topics offered by the Congregational Care Ministry of UCC. Learn CPR and where the Automated External Defibrillator's are located in our building. **Register Online.**

SERVE

VBS Participant & Volunteer Registration

Volunteers Needed, Register Online!

Vacation Bible School is June 11-14

VBS 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.

Contact: robin.doyle@uccftw.com



"Lift Every Voice and Sing" has become known as the African-American national anthem. It is a hymn of freedom, struggle, and remembrance of past sufferings, with a call to vigilant, faithful living in the present. Though it comes out of the African-American experience of slavery, the struggle continues and should not be forgotten as we face and overcome the tragedy and violence of the past, as well as affirm and celebrate liberty and justice.

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 Peace**

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

***Hymn of Response 631, stanzas 1 & 3 | Lift Every Voice and Sing**
Hymn Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
A Mighty Fortress • Charles W. Ore
Janet Pummill, organ

***The Doxology 46**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
Elders: (9:00am) Tod Miller
(11:00am) Rich Darr

(11:00am) Communion Hymn 400, stanzas 3 & 4
When You Do This, Remember Me
Hymn Tune: LORETTO

Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Bread and Cup
Elders: (9:00am) Laura Miller
(11:00am) Anne Darr

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
O Day of Peace • arr. Charles Callehan

***Hymn of Discipleship 668, stanzas 1 & 2 | For the Healing of the Nations**
Hymn Tune: CWM RHONDDA

***Benediction and Choral Response**

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**
Prelude and Fugue in A minor • J. S. Bach

Celebration of Worship

March 17, 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.

The organ selections for the Prelude and Offertory create a musical journey “From Despair to Hope.” The Bach “Andante” offers an atmosphere of despair with three contrasting parts. The voices are separate from each other but become intertwined as if they are searching for help. The Offertory is based on the Martin Luther hymn, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God,” thus giving hope and strength to the lost.

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, we strive to find various ways to encompass God's character and nature. We use expansive language for God, when possible, knowing that no words can describe the Holy One completely.

Prelude

Andante (from Organ Sonata No. 4) • J. S. Bach
Janet Pummill, organ

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

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Jamie Plunkett

*Processional Hymn 538 | Hope of the World
Hymn Tune: VICAR

*Litany of Praise

One: God is with us always and calls us each by name.
All: When we pass through difficulties and stress,
One: God is with us and calls us by name.
All: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,
One: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.
All: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

*Congregational Response
From Here to There • Todd Prickett

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Allison Bright

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.

Anthem

Let Peace Then Still the Strife • Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir and Andy Stewart, tenor
Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Let peace then still the strife, the loneliness and grief, come heal the piercing silence of passing. And sweet familiar strains, the voices lost in death, arise in songs of hope everlasting. Then let the voices roll as waves upon the sea, come forth and break upon us, refreshing.

And barren coves be filled, o’erflow with reverie! Let mem’ry salve as Gilead’s caressing. And though the balm be spread, let tender rifts remain that breaking hearts not yield to forgetting. For hearts rent wide at death, unfolded to our dead, hear singing from beyond sunlight’s setting.

Then sing, beloved ones, reach o’er the summer sea. Pour forth thy boundless love for us living! Sweep into ev’ry soul, make music of our tears, turn all our songs to joy and thanksgiving! And when we silent pass, from far across the sea let praises ring for life’s wond’rous blessing.

Then sing ye living souls! Sing generations past, swell high the tide of life, us refreshing! Sing forth as with one voice, bear silent grief away, resound with peace and hope everlasting! And all who wait and sing, sing on from earth and heav’n and make our crossing forth joyful passing! Amen!

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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 | Mark 9:14-29
Reader: Steve Mosher

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

Sermon | From Despair to Hope
Reverend Russ Peterman

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer Jesus taught his disciples and we say it together each week following the Pastoral Prayer. You might begin it by saying “Mother” or “Creator” instead of “Father” depending on how you think about God.

Today’s anthem sets a beautiful text by David Warner that speaks of peace calming the strife after war is over and urges reconciliation. It is often sung as an epilogue to Ralph Vaughan Williams’ famous choral-orchestral masterwork “Dona Nobis Pacem”. Composer Mack Wilberg will be here at UCC in residence this week to conduct a festive concert on Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Free tickets are available at the reception desk.

You can find today’s scripture reading on pages 44-45 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

Today’s sermon is part of our Lenten Series “From Here to There.” The season of Lent is a time of self-reflection and prayer in preparation for Easter.