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GOVERNANCE MEETINGS



Deacons Meeting • Today • 12:15pm | RM 150

CLG Meeting • Today • 5:00pm | RM 202

Elders Meeting • Tuesday, March 26 • 7:00pm | RM 207

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

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


Web Host: Rev. Jamie Plunkett, **Sound:** Chris Shipman, **Video:** Jack Stewart, **Radio Announcer:** 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:  Mexico and Mission Coworker Carlos Sediles-Real



AS A GREEN CHALICE CONGREGATION:
UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for God’s creation.

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UNIVERSITY Christian Church

Open minds, loving hearts



Photos of Sunday School and Junior Youth Fellowship.

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the Church Friends who carry our loving presence to those unable to be present for worship.

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

JYF (Grades 1-5) • 5:00pm • RM 211

Youth Snack Supper • 6:00pm • RM 312

Youth Groups (Grades 6-12) • 6:30pm • 3rd Floor

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.

Church Friends Sunday • During Worship

Today we gratefully celebrate our Church Friends Ministry of loving connection and care.

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-Closed March 25

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

Softball

Fridays: 8:50pm • Gateway Park



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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A Disciples of Christ Congregation



Featured Events

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



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.**

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



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 or email mgroom@uccftw.com 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 Defibrillators are located in our building. **Register Online.**

GROW

Remembering Together

Sundays, April 7-May 19 • 10:00am

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

CONNECT

Easter Plant Order

Order by Sunday, April 14

Easter worship will be enhanced by beautiful blooming plants and greenery. Honor, celebrate, appreciate or remember someone special in your life with the donation of Easter or Calla lily plants, palms or ferns. **Forms available at the reception desk, in the Arches or online.**

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

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.

Prelude to Te Deum • Marc-Antoine Charpentier

2720 S University Drive • Fort Worth, TX 76109 • 817-926-6631 • universitychristian.org

March 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.

We are happy to welcome Dr. Lacey Hays playing the trumpet for our services this morning. Dr. Hays, founding member and director of DFW Brass, is an active freelance musician and clinician in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and has performed throughout the world.

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

Festival Prelude on THAXTED • David Howard Pettit
Lacey Hays, trumpet, and Janet Pummill, organ

Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes
(11:00am) Hope Hatter & Josie Scanlon

Welcome and Call to Worship
Reverend Kera Watts

*Processional Hymn 272 | The Church's One Foundation
Hymn Tune: AURELIA

*Litany of Praise

One: Call on the name of God and give thanks.
All: Make known God's deeds among the people.
One: Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.
All: Let us praise God!

*Congregational Response

From Here to There • Todd Prickett

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.

(11:00am) Anthem

O Spirit All-Embracing • Gustav Holst/Richard Proulx
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise, unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies; unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward; surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford. Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death; come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.

O beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face, you show yourself amazing in unexpected place. We see you and remember what once our dreams had been; you fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within. Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you; undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.

Come passion's power holy, your insight here impart, and give your servants lowly an understanding heart to know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried, to seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died: for vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight; in prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

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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 | Exodus 16:4-21

Reader: Bea Smith

Congregational Response

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

Sermon | From Excess to Abundance

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.

This morning's anthem is a setting of Gustav Holst's famous hymn tune THAXTED, excerpted from the Jupiter movement of his orchestral suite "The Planets". This setting was published by Minnesota composer Richard Proulx (1937-2010), and the text was penned by Delores Dufner, author of 155+ hymns and member of St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

You can find today's scripture reading on page 63 of the Old 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.