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*Handicap accessible restrooms located in the Gallery (second floor).*

 **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



**CLG Meeting** • Tuesday, April 2 • 6:00 pm | RM 226

**Building & Grounds Committee** • Sunday, April 7 • 12:15 pm | RM 226

### HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

**Chancel Guild:** Roxanne Penix, Stephanie Fox, Warner Fox


**Web Host:** William Judd, **Sound:** Jack Stewart, **Video:** Rich Darr, **Radio Announcer:** David Kirkman

### 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 God's creation.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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

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*Photos of Belltower Series: An Evening with Mack Wilberg.*

*The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosemary Alland and Patricia Helme by Mark and Mary Jane Alland.*

March 31, 2019  
[www.UniversityChristian.org](http://www.UniversityChristian.org)

A Disciples of Christ Congregation 

# 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.

### Interfaith Prayer Service

2:00pm • Islamic Association of Tarrant County  
Join us for a community wide Interfaith service for the victims of the recent massacre in New Zealand.

### 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

### Softball

April 5 • 6:30pm • 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](http://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](http://universitychristian.org), click on the Resources tab and then click on Open Registrations.



## 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.**

## GROW

### Parents Night Out—Register Now!

Friday, April 26 • 6:00pm-9:00pm

This is an opportunity for a date night or even just a few hours to take some time just for you. Only \$5 per child, \$10 max per household. Fun activities and programs provided for infants through grade 5. **Register at [facebook.com/ucckids](https://facebook.com/ucckids).**

## CONNECT

### Connect Lunch—Children's Musical

Sunday, April 7 • 12:00pm | Walker Hall

A \$5 lunch of grilled cheese sandwich, fruit kabob and lemonade will be available in Walker Hall prior to the Children's Musical. The UCC Children's Choir will present “*Malice in the Palace*.” Led by director Mary Farmer, the children will tell the story of Esther through inspiring music, humor, and a powerful message.

## 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 to attend so we can properly prepare for the class.**

## 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](mailto:cyndy@uccftw.com) if you are interested in participating.**

## SERVE

### Texas City Hurricane Relief Pilgrimage

Grab your air mattress and tool belt—we are going to Texas City to help with Hurricane Relief! July 28-August 3. Cost \$350 per person (14 & up). **Registration forms in the Arches and at front desk.**

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

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:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Elders: (9:00am) Kevin Medlin  
(11:00am) Anne Bailey

**(11:00am) Communion Hymn 402, stanzas 1 & 2**

**According to Thy Gracious Word**

Hymn Tune: DUNDEE

**Invitation to the Table**

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

Elders: (9:00am) Sandra Soria  
(11:00am) Linda Smith

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

*When You Do This, Remember Me* • arr. Cathy Moglebust  
Whitechapel Handbell Choir and Mimi Rogers, director

**\*Hymn of Discipleship 475, stanzas 1, 3 & 5**

**The Church of Christ in Every Age**

Hymn Tune: WAREHAM

**\*Benediction and Choral Response**

**\*Ringing of the Tower Bells**

**\*Postlude**

*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You (BWV 691)* • J. S. Bach

# Celebration of Worship

March 31, 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, 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**

*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You (BWV 642) • J. S. Bach*  
Janet Pummill, organ

**Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes**  
(11:00am) Adelaide Butler & Sarah Beth Lo

**Welcome and Call to Worship**  
Reverend Cyndy Twedell

**\*Processional Hymn 14 | Womb of Life, and Source of Being**  
Hymn Tune: IN BABILONE

**\*Litany of Praise**

**One: Feel the wonder and power of God's creative love.**  
**All: Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.**  
**One: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.**  
**All: Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love.**

**\*Congregational Response**

*From Here to There • Todd Prickett*

From here to there, we jour-ney through life's wil-der-ness and strife. Our  
God moves us from fear to faith; trans-formed by love we thrive. Di-  
vine love pulls us for-ward as Christ turns des-pair to hope. Our  
wand'-ring hearts find sol-ace as we move from death to life.

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
Reverend Jamie Plunkett

**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 | Exodus 19:1-8 and Philippians 2:1-8**

Reader: Jeanne Duke

**Congregational Response**

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

**Sermon | From Me to We**

Reverend Russ Peterman

**\*The Peace**

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

**\*Hymn of Response 494, stanzas 1 & 2 | They'll Know We Are Christians**

Hymn Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S

**Invitation to Offering**

**The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

*Come and Walk with Me • Eleanor Daley*

Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

**Come and walk with me, my sister, lift your heart and lift your voice.**  
**Come and walk with me, my brother, in your presence, I rejoice.**

**Blessed Savior, hear us calling, O refresh us yet anew,**

**May your presence fill our hearts and minds as you see our journey through.**

**Give us strength to love each other, give us peace to show your love,**

**Give us faith in every step we take, till we meet in heaven above.**

**I will share your joy with laughter, for I know that grace provides,**

**As I comfort you in sorrow, God's eternal love abides.**

**When the sunlight turns to shadow, and the shadow turns to night,**

**We will share our song in glory as the darkness turns to light.**

**As the angels sing in heaven, grant that all our songs shall be**

**Filled with hope and joy and wonder, as you set our spirits free.**

**Take my hand along the journey, come and set my spirit free.**

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.

You can find today's scripture reading on page 65 of the Old Testament and page 197 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.

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

The lyrics and music for today's offertory were written by Canadian Eleanor Daley. A prolific composer, she is known for her sensitive interweaving of text and music as heard in today's piece. This particular text encourages us to share the journey alongside each other in all life's joys and sorrows.