

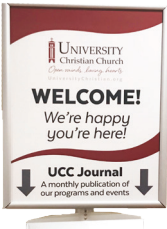
CONNECT WITH US

STARTING
POINT ▶

If you want to learn more about UCC and what it means to be part of our faith community, make plans to attend this two-session introduction offered at 10:00am on May 19 and 26. More information is available on our church website.



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**.



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.



Get UCC Emails: Pick which emails you do or don't want to receive, visit our website and click the link "Email List Sign Up" at the bottom of the web page.



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Assisted listening devices are available; please ask an usher to obtain one.
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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



Photos from Palm Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt.



RECURRING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CLOSET

Mondays & Thursdays • 10:00am-12:00pm

COLLEGE LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesdays • Noon | College Lounge (RM 223)

CONNECT MEALS (MONTHLY)

Lunch • First Sunday • Noon | Walker Hall
Dinner • Third Thursday • 6:00pm | Walker Hall

FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER

Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205
Wednesdays & Fridays • 11:00am | RM 205

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: GAME DAY

April 26 • 10:00am | RM 211

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP: LUNCH & LEARN

May 10 • 11:00am | RM 207

NEEDLERS

Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 205

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203

YOGA

Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205
Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS




Elders Meeting

Tuesday, April 23 • 7:00pm | RM 207

AS A GLOBAL MINISTRIES CONGREGATION UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR:

Our missionary partners
Elena Huegel, Mexico
Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana

This week we pray for:

 Israel/Palestine and
Mission Coworker Sara Makari



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
The Disciples of Christ, visit disciples.org

SERVE



May Canned Food Drive Month of May

During the month of May, UCC will collect food items for South Central Alliance of Churches emergency food pantry. Suggested items include: canned meats and fish, fruit, vegetables and soup, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, tuna helper, rice and pasta, powdered and evaporated milk, pudding or custard, baby formula, peanut butter, dried beans. Monetary donations made out to UCC for SCAC or online for May Canned Food Drive.

CONNECT



Youth Sunday—Growing Together Sunday, May 5 • 9:00am & 11:00am

A service of worship planned and led by our middle and high school youth.

Contact: jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

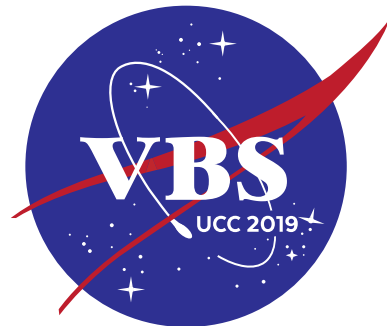
SERVE • VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VBS Registration

Register children and Volunteers 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



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REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN

Senior Minister

REV. RENEE HOKE

Executive Minister

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Minister of Youth and Families

REV. DR. TODD PRICKETT

Minister of Music

REV. CYNDY TWEDELL

Minister of Nurture

REV. JESSICA VACKETTA

Minister of Connections

REV. KERA WATTS

Minister of Children and Families

ALLISON BRIGHT

Assistant Minister for Youth

WILLIAM JUDD

Assistant Minister for Youth

LEADING MUSIC TODAY

JANET PUMMILL

Senior Organist

ERIC MULLINS

Assistant Choirmaster

DR. AMY STEWART

Assistant Organist

SUPPORT STAFF

ANN BOWLING

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HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

Chancel Guild:

Kay Campbell • Rich Darr • Kyle Killion

Web Hosts: William Judd and Allison Bright

Sound: Mike Coffey

Video: Jack Stewart

Radio Announcer: Troy Tuomey



SUNDAY MORNINGS • CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULT

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:00am • 11:00am

SIMPLE WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:30–9:50am

CHILDCARE • INFANT-23 MONTHS

Available from 8:45am–12:15pm.

PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL • TWOS-KINDERGARTEN

Offered from 8:45am to 12:15pm with Sunday School and music at 10:00am.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN

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

JOURNEY LAND • GRADES 1-5

A unique approach to learn faith by experience and doing—engages children in cooking, art, drama, music, science and movies.

UCC Closed—Easter Monday
Monday, April 22

In observance of Easter Monday, UCC offices and buildings will be closed.

Contact: michelle@uccftw.com

CONNECT

Carpenters Open House
Sunday, April 28 • 11:00am–1:00pm
2700 Rogers Street

Come see what’s happening at the Carpenters House! Don’t miss our spring open house on April 28. Meet our craftsmen, view current projects and find out how you can get involved. Refreshments served on the porch.

Contact: renee.hoke@uccftw.com

SERVE

Mission Pilgrimage Opportunities

Texas City Hurricane Relief pilgrimage—July 28 through August 3. Cost per person \$350.

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

Contact: mgroom@uccftw.com

GROW

Disciples Class Baptisms
Sunday, April 28

Join us as we celebrate the baptisms of our Disciples Class students, during Sunday morning worship.

Contact: jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com

CONNECT

Legacy Society Luncheon
Ways to Make a Gift to UCC
Sunday, May 5 • Noon

Have you noticed our beautiful wall display in the reception area honoring Legacy Society members? Ever find yourself wondering what the UCC Legacy Society is? Join us for lunch to discover ways to be a part of the Legacy Society. Childcare available upon request. No cost, be our guest! [Register online by May 1.](#) Contact: michelle@uccftw.com

CONNECT

ABC’S of Health—QPR
Sunday, May 5 • 1:00pm

This 75-minute educational program is designed to teach us the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond. [Register Online](#) so we can properly prepare for the class.

FEATURED EVENTS [Register, RSVP](#) or [learn more](#) online.

SERVE

Blanket the World with Love
Sundays, April 28-May 5

Provide comfort, warmth and compassion to our neighbors facing displacement, disaster or the strain of poverty. \$10 provides a blanket (through Church World Service) and an opportunity to honor your mother or other important women in your life.

Contact: cyndy@uccftw.com




SERVE


Kids Hope USA • Month of May

Larger class sizes and smaller budgets make giving individual attention to students harder each year. UCC partners with Rosemont Elementary to support educators and mentor students. Weekly, mentors meet with students for an hour during school hours. Kids Hope USA builds life-changing relationships one at a time: One Child. One Hour. One School. One Church.

Contact: [Mike Wager • tcuwags@aol.com](mailto:tcuwags@aol.com) if interested in serving as a mentor



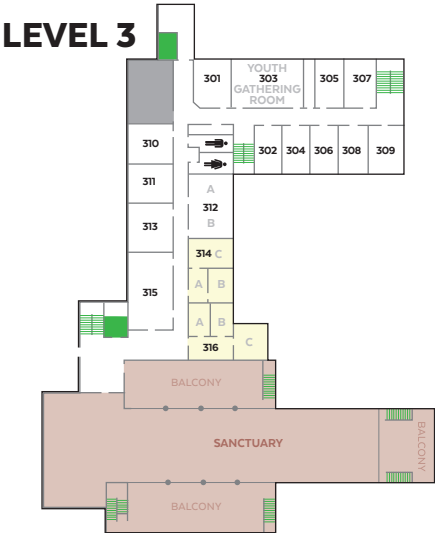
CONNECT



Senior Banquet
Wednesday, May 1 • 6:00pm

Honor our UCC graduating high school seniors at the annual Senior Banquet. The event includes tables decorated with pictures and memorabilia for each graduate, introductions of each, a photo slideshow and more. Graduating seniors eat free.

Contact: jamie.plunkett@uccftw.com



WORSHIP AND WONDER • GRADES 1-3

During the Scripture in Context portion of our 11:00am service (see bulletin for weekly information), children are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery—they hear the scripture used in worship, wonder about what it means for our lives, and return to worship during the Hymn of Response following the sermon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL • ALL AGES

Classes for children, youth, college and adults meet every Sunday at 10:00am. Adult class topics are located by the Sanctuary doors and reception desk.

Our children and youth programs encourage discipleship through fun and faith-centered activities. Music programs are available.

TODAY’S CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP • 9:00am and 11:00am

The information in these margins will guide you through worship. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter, usher or minister.

We welcome these instrumentalists to worship today: Oscar Garcia and Cordelia DeDecker, trumpets; Kelly Cornell, horn; Tony Baker, trombone; Clay Garrett, tuba; and Mike McNicholas, timpani.

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

Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns • Sondra K. Tucker
Brass, timpani and Janet Pummill, organ

Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes

(9:00am) Hope Hatter & Madelyn Prickett
(11:00am) Lauren Bailey & Henry Vitek

Welcome

Reverend Renee Hoke

Introit

Lord, In Thy Resurrection • Jacob Gallus
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 216 | Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(Stanza 3—Women Only)
Hymn Tune: EASTER HYMN

*Litany of Praise
(9:00am) William Judd • (11:00am) Allison Bright

One: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!
All: For this day frees us from doubt and fear.
One: Thankful is the song we sing!
All: For this day move us past shadows and despair.
One: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!
All: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.
One: Christ has risen!
All: Christ has risen! Hallelujah!

*Gloria Patri 35
Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Join us for Earth Stewardship Sunday
April 28 • 9:00am and 11:00am

Sermon Title:
Planting Trees Under Whose Shade We Will Never Sit
Matthew 13:31-32

The Sunday closest to Earth Day is celebrated by faith communities around the world as Earth Stewardship Day. Our worship that Sunday will highlight our shared blessings from God’s creation and our responsibilities for its care. Our UCC Caring for God’s Creation Committee will also provide helpful earth friendly information in the Gallery at 10:00am.

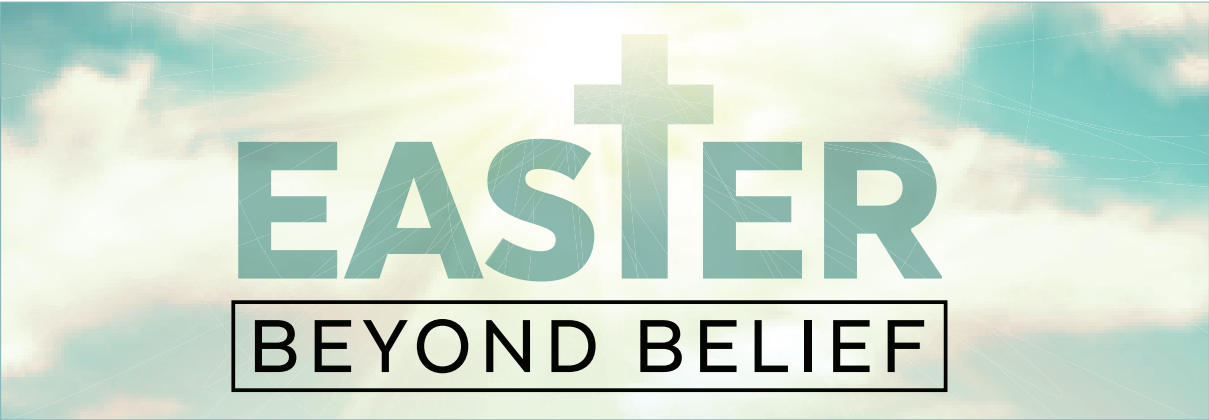


NEXT SERMON SERIES

LORD, TEACH US:
THE LORD’S PRAYER & THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



- 5-Part Series:
- June 2 • Abba
 - June 9 • Your Kingdom Come
 - June 16 • Our Daily Bread
 - June 23 • Forgive Us...As We Forgive
 - June 30 • Lead us...Deliver Us



Everybody believes in something. The invitation today is to believe in resurrection.

When we find the courage to walk with the women to the tomb, we will find a sign that death is not the last word—we belong to God and in the power of God we are already being healed!

SERMON NOTES

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Reverend Cyndy W. 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.

Anthem
To the Lamb on the Throne • Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster
Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.
Ye servants of God, your Savior proclaim, and publish abroad that wonderful name; The name all victorious of Jesus extol; who, sovereign and glorious, now rules over all. Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. “Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” let all cry aloud for what God has done; The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, still veiling their faces they worship the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. God’s truth reaches high, almighty to save; and yet remains nigh God’s presence we have, The great congregation God’s triumphs shall praise, ascribing salvation to Jesus always. Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. Then let us adore and render God’s right, all glory and pow’r, all wisdom and might; All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb! Worthy the Lamb!

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer Jesus taught his disciples. 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 Easter anthem combines the 21st-century style of composer Dan Forrest with the 1744 hymn “Ye Servants of God” written by Charles Wesley. The result is an astonishing worship offering that elevates the original hymn with a sense of triumph and majesty.

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.

You can find today's
scripture reading
on page 90 of the
New Testament
in your pew Bible.

The Scripture in Context

Reverend Russ Peterman

Worship and Wonder

Scripture | Luke 24:1-12

Reverend Kera Watts and Reverend Jamie Plunkett

Sermon | Beyond Belief

Reverend Russ Peterman

***The Peace**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Response 228, stanzas 1 & 3**

The Day of Resurrection

Hymn Tune: LANCASHIRE

Invitation to Offering

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Festival Prelude on "Lancashire" • Sondra K. Tucker
Ad Deum Handbell Choir and Eric Mullins, director

***The Doxology with Alleluias**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Elders: (9:00am) Nancy Strickland
(11:00am) Harold Muckleroy

Communion Hymn 222, stanzas 3 & 4

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY

Invitation to the Table

(9:00am) Reverend Renee Hoke
(11:00am) Reverend Shannon Moore

The Words of Institution, Prayer for the Bread and Cup

Elders: (9:00am) Leslie Dell
(11:00am) Pat Muckleroy

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

EASTER HYMN • arr. John Ferguson

***Hymn of Discipleship 108**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn Tune: CRUCIFER

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Hallelujah (from MESSIAH) • G. F. Handel

***Ringing of the Tower Bells**

***Postlude**

Toccata (from Suite for Organ, Brass and Percussion)
Craig Phillips

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.