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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.



Website

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Phone

817-926-6631

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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Watch worship services live on our website or on our Facebook page.Watch recorded sermons: www.universitychristian.org/resources/sermons

**Listen** to worship services live on KTCU 88.7 or the recorded radio broadcast at **www.universitychristian.org/resources/radio-broadcast**.

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# WELCOME

## TO UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We're so happy that you have joined us for worship today! UCC is a community of folks trying to be Christlike—to love as God loves. We care deeply for one another, and you! As such, please let us know if you are visiting, or in need of prayer support, by filling out a communication/ prayer request card located in the back of the pews. We hope that your time among us will be filled with a sense of connection, and we hope to see you again soon!



- Rev. Dr. Russell Peterman • Senior Minister



To learn more about UCC or how to join our community of faith, make plans to attend Starting Point, our two-session class about all things UCC! Join us today at 10:00am in Room 201. **Contact shannon.moore@uccftw.com for more information.** 

# TODAY

## Welcome College Students!

We're glad you joined us in worship today. Swing by our college table in the Gallery after services to meet current students and learn more about UCC from our college ministry team. Join us for lunch in the College Lounge (RM 223) following the 11:00am service. Follow us on Instagram, @uccftw\_college, for ways to connect this fall.

# **RECURRING EVENTS**

**CONNECT MEALS (MONTHLY)** Lunch • First Sunday • Noon | Walker Hall Dinner • Third Thursday • 6:00pm | Walker Hall

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (**WEEKLY) Sundays • 5:00pm | RM 206

**FAITHFULLY FIT FOREVER (WEEKLY)** Mondays • 4:00pm | RM 205 Wednesdays & Fridays • 11:00am | RM 205

**YOGA (WEEKLY)** Mondays • 12:30pm | RM 205 Thursdays • 10:30am | RM 205

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (WEEKLY) Wednesdays • 10:00am | RM 203 **MEN'S SECOND THURSDAY LUNCH** Second Thursday • 12:00pm | Café Bella

**NEEDLERS (WEEKLY)** Thursdays • 10:00am | RM 312

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP (MONTHLY) Second Friday • 11:00am | RM 209

**LATTE WITH THE LADIES** September 14 • 9:00am Pearl Snap Kolache on White Settlement

### GOVERNANCE MEETINGS



No meetings this week.

# 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: El Salvador and Mission Coworker Violeta Rocha



#### 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** 

## FEATURED EVENTS Register, RSVP or learn more online.



Acolyte Training September 8 • 4:00pm and September 15 • 12:15pm in the Sanctuary Attention all 4th—6th graders and their parents! You are invited to this Acolyte training session where children will learn the 'hows' and the 'whys' of acoltying, while parents will find out about scheduling and communication. RSVP to ann@uccftw.com



**Bag-it Night** 

Wednesday, September 4 • 6:OOpm | Walker Hall Save the date for this year's Bag-It-Night! Join us for this night of service when we fill bags with over 3,500 school uniforms for elementary students in the FWISD. There is a role for everyone, childcare will be available for pre-school age and younger.

If unable to join us for Bag-It Night, please consider donating the cost of one uniform (\$15), two uniforms (\$30) or an entire class worth (\$300)!



Parents Night Out Friday, September 13 • 6:00pm-9:00pm Enjoy a night out while your children enjoy a fun night at church! Cost is \$5 per child, \$10 family limit. Registration is open now thru September 6. Register online: facebook.com/uccftwkids

#### CLERGY

**REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN** Senior Minister

**REV. RENEE HOKE** Executive Minister

**REV. SHANNON MOORE** Minister of Faith Formation

**REV. JAMIE PLUNKETT** Minister of Youth and Families

**REV. DR. TODD PRICKETT** Minister of Music

**REV. JESSICA VACKETTA** Minister of Connections

**REV. KERA WATTS** Minister of Children and Families

**REV. ALLISON BRIGHT** Assistant Minister for College

ADDISON GARDNER Assistant Minister for Youth

LEADING MUSIC TODAY DR. AMY STEWART Assistant Organist

**SUPPORT STAFF** 

**ANN BOWLING** Childcare Coordinator

SAM DEMPSEY Front Desk Reception

## WAYS TO GIVE

Easy, convenient, secure and flexible—choose which way works best for you.

## Online

Make a one-time donation or set up recurring payments at www.universitychristian.org

## Text

Text **your giving amount** to **817-241-2780**.



## **Mobile App**

Search and download **"ShelbyNEXT | Giving"** app in your mobile app store.

## **Cash or Check**

Make checks payable to "University Christian Church". Mail or drop checks into offering plate or at the Front Desk.

## **HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY**

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

Web Host: Addison Gardner

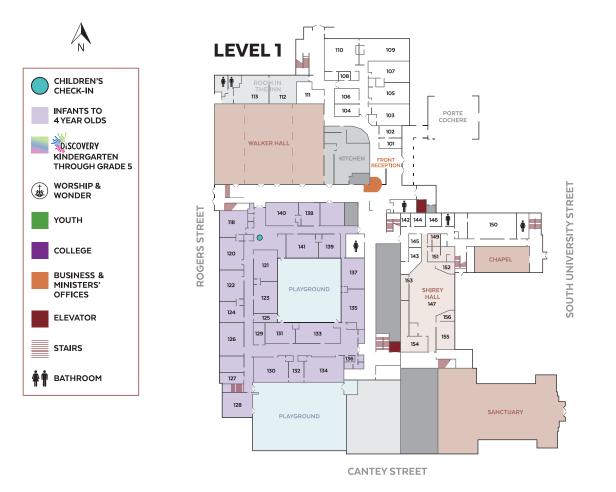
Sound: Chris Shipman

Video: Jack Stewart

Radio Announcer: David Kirkman

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Roy and Valta Reynolds, by Rena Reynolds.

The flowers in the Gallery are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Allison Hix and Lucas Morton on August 24.



SUNDAY MORNINGS • CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULT

#### **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP • ALL AGES**

9:00am • 11:00am

SIMPLE WORSHIP • ALL AGES

9:30-9:50am

**CHILDCARE • INFANT & TODDLERS** Available from 8:45am-12:15pm.

**PRESCHOOL • AGES 2-PRE K** Offered from 8:45am to 12:15pm

#### **DISCOVERY KIDS • K-GRADE 5**

Begins with a large, interactive session, followed by age-appropriate small group sessions (K-1, 2-3, 4-5).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR • K-GRADE 5** 11:00am-11:30am • RM 211

### **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.

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## FEATURED EVENTS Register, RSVP or learn more online.

## Belltower Series: Hymn Festival with Bradley Welch

**Sunday, September 15 • 7:00pm | Sanctuary** UCC's Belltower Series is pleased to present a Hymn Festival featuring organist Bradley Hunter Welch at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. It will include hymn singing by the entire congregation and special anthem presentations by a combined choir, including UCC's



Chancel Choir, First United Methodist Church's Choral Union, and First Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir.

The festival will feature music and the spoken word centered around the familiar hymn LOBE DEN HERREN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty".

This event is co-sponsored by the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. As with all Belltower Series events, Admission is Free. An offering will be collected to support future musical performances at UCC. Bring a friend!



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## Church and The Arts-Gallery Night

## Saturday, September 7 • 6:00pm • Fort Worth CAC

Church and the Arts invites you to join us in exploring works of local artists. We will meet at Fort Worth Community Arts Center (CAC) at 6:00 pm. We will first look at works exhibited at CAC and then visit local galleries.

Fort Worth CAC: 1300 Gendy Street Contact: Yeahwa Lee, yeahwa.lee@gmail.com

# FEATURED EVENTS Register, RSVP or learn more online.

## Youth Handbells Sundays • 5:00pm

Attention Youth! You are all invited to be a part of our youth handbell choirs this fall. No previous musical training is required. As long as you can count to four, we will teach you the rest! Rehearsals are from 5:00-6:00pm on Sunday evenings, beginning today. **Contact Todd with any questions or to sign up, todd.prickett@uccftw.com** 





## College Lunch Bunch

Resumes Wednesday, August 28

Each week around 30 students gather for lunch at noon on Wednesdays. This mid-week communion is possible because of your generosity. If you are able to help provide food, please **sign up online**. **Contact: jessica@uccftw.com** 



# **Prom Dreams Volunteer Meeting** Thursday, August 29 • 5:30pm | Prom Dreams Boutique

An orientation and training for those interested in serving as boutique associates this fall.

## **Prom Dreams Work Day and Lunch** Sunday, September 1 • 12:30pm-2:30pm

Your help is needed as we clean, organize and prepare the boutique for Homecoming season. No training or experience necessary. Email melanie.williams@uccftw.com to reserve lunch.



## 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 Communion Hymn.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL • ALL AGES

Classes for 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.

#### Red text is read by the congregation. Asterisks (\*) indicate times when you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if need be.

As we worship, we are always aware that no words can adequately describe God or encompass God's nature. Feel free to say or sing "Mother" or "Creator" instead of "Father" depending on how you think about God.

## Prelude

How Firm a Foundation • arr. Robert A. Hobby Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

### Ringing of Tower Bells and Procession of Acolytes (11:00) Josie Scanlon

#### Welcome and Call to Worship

**Reverend Renee Hoke** 

## \*Processional Hymn 618 • How Firm a Foundation

Hymn Tune: FOUNDATION

### \*Litany of Praise

One: Our trust is in the God of all creation. All: We place our lives in God's care. One: We praise God in confidence and peace. All: We open our hearts to God's incredible love.

## \*Gloria Patri 35

#### Hymn Tune: GREATOREX

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.

## **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

(9:00) Reverend Allison Bright (11:00) Reverend Shannon Moore

## Call to Prayer

One: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. One: Let us pray.

# MEAL WITH A MISSION Seek the sacred

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## Sunday, September 8 6:00pm-7:30pm | Walker Hall

Meal With A Mission: Seek the Sacred

Join us for dinner and a focused discussion led by our own Senior Minister, Rev. Dr.

Russ Peterman. You will hear where UCC's ministry is headed and share in the vision and opportunities that lie ahead. There will be three of these events, occurring monthly from September thru November—each specifically about different segments of our new mission statement.



Meals will be served from 6:00–6:30pm and the focused discussion will be from 6:30pm–7:30pm. No RSVP. Cost is free. We'll have baskets along the serving line for those who want to make a donation to cover meal costs. Youth will join us in place of their scheduled Snack Supper.

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## Starting September 11 Chi Rho • 6:30pm | CYF • 7:00pm

We started a new thing! Join a community group for middle school and high school youth today. Groups

begin meeting in September, and will meet every Wednesday in host homes. Register at www.universitychristian.org/ycg.

- Groups will be divided by grade<sup>\*</sup>
   \*one or two groups will be divided by area (i.e. Aledo area youth)
- Build quality relationships
- Led by youth mentors (same mentors for the year)
- Engage in deep conversations



"It is abundantly clear in reading the Gospels that Jesus reached out to all but did not make them all disciples. He maintained a very high standard of discipleship." -Clif Christopher

"Jesus had no romantic notion of the cost of discipleship He knew that following Him was as unsentimental as duty, as demanding as love."

-Brennan Manning

SERMON NOTES

Discipleship • John 6:1-14

### 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.

## (11:00) Anthem

Will You Come and Follow Me • arr. Tom Trenney Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me? Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me? Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world aroundthrough my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer Jesus taught his disciples. We say it together each week following the Pastoral Prayer.

Today's anthem comes from the writing partnership of John L. Bell and Grahamn Maule, two leaders of the famous Iona Community in Scotland. It was arranged by Tom Trenney, Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church (United Church of Christ) in Lincoln, Nebraska. This text is a call to love in action as we live and grow in Christ. 11:00am worship, K-5th graders are invited to join a Worship and Wonder leader in the Gallery. Children will return to the Sanctuary following the Communion Hymn.

> You can find today's scripture reading on page 97 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

There is space to take notes during the sermon on page 10 of the bulletin.

Rev. Dr. Katie Hays is the Lead Evangelist at Galileo Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth/ Mansfield/Kennedale. Galileo Christian Church "seeks and shelters spiritual refugees," welcoming especially LGBTQ+ people and the people who love them.

Katie has written a memoir of Galileo's first five years, **We Were Spiritual Refugees: A Story to Help You Believe in Church**, that will be released in February 2020. The Scripture in Context Reverend Russ Peterman Worship and Wonder

Scripture | John 6:1-14 Chad Cline, reader

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

Sermon | Discipleship Reverend Russ Peterman

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

\*Hymn of Response 346, stanzas 1 & 3 Where He Leads Me Hymn Tune: NORRIS

Invitation to Offering Rev. Dr. Katie Hays

## The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

(9:00) Will You Come and Follow Me • arr. Tom Trenney Chancel Choir and Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster (11:00) Lord, Here Am I • John Ness Beck, arr. Courtney

Lance Newman, baritone

\*The Doxology 47

Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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

(9:00) Elder: Ann Barr (11:00) Elder: Judy Vick

## (11:00) Communion Hymn 411, stanzas 1 & 3 For the Bread, Which You Have Broken Hymn Tune: AGAPE

#### Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution, Prayer for the Bread and Cup (9:00) Elder: Lyn Willis (11:00) Elder: Eldon Irving

## The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

\*Hymn of Discipleship 614, stanzas 1 & 2 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Hymn Tune: I'M GONNA LIVE

## \*Benediction and Choral Response

\*Ringing of the Tower Bells

## \*Postlude

Allegro con brio from Sonata IV • Felix Mendelssohn

Doxology is a term used to describe an expression of praise to God. Feel free to sing the last phrase as "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" if you wish.

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.