

# PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

We give thanks to God for UCC Youth Ministry alumnae graduating this month: Sarah Jane McDonald, Elon University; Jack Mock, Texas Christian University; Molly O'Neil, Tulane University; Allie Sisson, University of South Carolina; Annie Phillips, University of Texas; Will Jones, University of Texas; Berkeley Allen, Texas Christian University. We also celebrate with Erinn Miller who graduated from Texas A&M University, Galveston, in December.

Congratulations to Monica Bradley, who has served as our Assistant Minister for Digital Worship this year. She graduated from Brite Divinity School with her M.Div. on Saturday, May 8. Today is her last Sunday with us and she is headed back home to San Diego. Thanks for your time with us and best wishes on your ministry, Monica!

Lauren and Ben Witherspoon celebrate the birth of twins, George and Burford, May 4. Siblings are Ben, Elizabeth & Samantha; Grandparents are Harriet and Jim Redwine.

We surround the family of Gene Livesay in prayer following his death on May 2.

We hold in prayer Laurie Brants and family following the death of her father, Walter O'Neill, April 29.

We surround in prayer David, Teri & Charles McGill following the death of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy McGill on May 11. Services are pending.


We pray for all those impacted by the current crisis in Israel/Palestine. We ask God to comfort families who have lost loved ones, to strengthen those forced to evacuate due to the bombing, and to protect emergency workers providing assistance. We hear the words of Jesus: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9.



Scan this QR Code with your mobile device's camera to register your attendance, submit a prayer concern, or to give online.

# UCC SUPPORTS AND PRAYS FOR

Our Global Missionary Partners:  
Elena Huegel, Mexico  
Larry and Debbie Colvin, Ghana

This week we pray for:  
 Philippines and Mission Coworker  
Eleazar Fernandez



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**SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

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# WELCOME

*to University Christian Church!*

We are so thrilled to be able to welcome you in-person today. Here at UCC we want you to know that you are valuable, worthy of love, and already part of what God is doing in the world. This is a place where you can experience God's love for yourself and learn to carry that love with you, wherever you go.

REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN • *Senior Minister*



Children's Worship is available at 9:00am and 11:00am for infants-5th graders with reservations. Age-level groups will create and share worship together. Playground Faith for infants-3rd and 4th/5th Community Group, Jr.! are available at 10:00am by reservation.

## FEATURED EVENTS

### UCC&YOU

**Sundays at 10:00a | Now - May 23**

We invite our visitors and new members to participate in the next UCC & You class to learn about our church and our ministries, get to know our ministers, and hear what it means to be a part of our family here at UCC. This class is available in-person and on Zoom. You may register by going to [universitychristian.org/uccandyou](https://universitychristian.org/uccandyou) or by contacting Stacy McCoy at [stacy.mccoy@uccftw.com](mailto:stacy.mccoy@uccftw.com).

### ALL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 10:00a - 10:50a | Walker Hall**

Join Rev. Renee Hoke and guest co-host Shannon Moore for All Church Sunday School LIVE at 10:00a in Walker Hall, or online. Beginning May 23, Renee and Shannon will begin a 6-week study on *Peculiar Treasures* by Frederick Buechner. This Who's Who profiles 125 of the Bible's most holy and profane people. To read Buechner's lively and witty descriptions is to realize that many of these legendary figures are not who we thought they were. But they are--in their dreams, ambitions and imperfections--very much like us.

### PERIOD PRODUCT DRIVE

**This Sunday & Next Sunday, May 23**

To honor and celebrate the women who have birthed us and raised us, we'll be collecting period products for local shelters and our ministry partners. Items may be dropped off today and next Sunday, May 23, in the morning outside of Walker Hall, and this afternoon under the Porte Cochere from 4:30p - 6:00p.

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Now Thank We All Our God* • Paul Manz

Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, handbells

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn Tune: BEECHER

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

### \*POSTLUDE

*Finale from Variations on HYFRYDOL* • Albert L. Travis

*Thank you for helping us prepare for other worshipers by disposing of your empty Communion items in a wastebasket as you exit the Sanctuary.*

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 we also use alcohol-free grape juice.

University Christian Church is dedicated to transforming the world by living out Christ's courageous love. If you would like to partner with us on your journey of faith, we invite you to speak to a minister after worship.



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**SUNDAY APRIL 11 • Psalm 133**  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**SUNDAY APRIL 18 • Luke 24:36b-48**  
YOU'RE FAMILY

**SUNDAY APRIL 25 • 1 John 3:16-24**  
A PLACE AT THE TABLE

**SUNDAY MAY 2 • Acts 8:26-40**  
ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE

**SUNDAY MAY 9 • John 15:9-17**  
RESIDING IN LOVE

**SUNDAY MAY 16 • Luke 24:44-53**  
ALWAYS BLESSING, ALWAYS BLESSED

**SUNDAY MAY 23 • Acts 2:1-21**  
WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS

Today's anthem is the setting of a wonderful prayer by the sixteenth-century Spanish saint, Teresa of Avila. Prior to his retirement in 2019, composer Kenneth Lowenberg served for six decades as a church organist, most notably at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C.

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 Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient worship responses. Having received Christ’s peace, we pass it on.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer of Teresa of Avila • Kenneth Lowenberg  
Chancel Choir & Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
No hands but yours; no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which his compassion  
will look upon the world.

Yours are the feet with which he will go about doing good.

Yours are the hands with which he will bless others now.

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\*DOXOLOGY

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

\*THE PEACE

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD AND CUP  
(9:00) Elder: Mary Graham  
(11:00) Elder: Eldon Irving

UPCOMING EVENTS Register, RSVP or learn more online.

Faithfully Fit Forever is Back!

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 11:00a in Room 203  
Our faith-based, lay-led exercise class has been on hiatus, but we are meeting once again. Join us as we strengthen and balance our bodies as well as our faith. M-W-F at 11 am in room 203. Email [shannon.moore@uccftw.com](mailto:shannon.moore@uccftw.com) for more info or give us a call at the church.

Breathe: An Outdoor Family  
Experience on Pentecost

Sunday, May 23 | 4:00p - 6:00p  
Breathe in and breathe out the story of Pentecost through hands on, interactive experiences with wind, fire, and welcoming the Holy Spirit amongst us. All ages welcome!

Drive-Through Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, May 29 | 1:00p - 4:00p  
On Saturday, May 29, from 1:00p - 4:00p, we will hold a drive-through vaccination clinic in the parking lot at University Christian Church in partnership with TCU. NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED. This is for SECOND ROUND MODERNA doses, as well as first round doses. We will need volunteers to serve from 12:00p - 4:30p. More information, and volunteer signups can be found at [universitychristian.org/vaccines](http://universitychristian.org/vaccines).

Youth Sunday  
Sunday, June 6 | 9:00a & 11:00a Services  
Join us for a wonderful morning of worship led by our youth, discussing faith from their perspective and giving thanks for God's faithfulness every step of the journey.

WORSHIP STAFF

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LEADING MUSIC TODAY  
JANET PUMMILL  
Senior Organist

HELPING US WORSHIP TODAY

CHANCEL GUILD  
Kay Campbell, Rich Darr,  
and Nancy Strickland

SOUND  
Rich Darr, Dave Martin,  
and Jack Stewart

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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.

During the pandemic, we will refrain from singing hymns as a congregation in an effort to ensure everyone’s safety. We look forward to the day when we can join our voices and sing God’s praises together again.

As we worship, we are aware that no words can adequately describe God or encompass God's nature. In hymns and prayers, feel free to use language that reflects your image and understanding of God.

PRELUDE

Variations on HYFRYDOL • Albert L. Travis

Janet Pummill, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

\*OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Addison Gardner

- One: God of Easter, touch us with your grace.  
All: Show us your hands, so we might reach out to others.
- One: Risen Christ, touch us with your compassion.  
All: Open our eyes, so we might see God's love.
- One: Spirit of Hope, touch us with your peace.  
All: Bring us into your presence as we worship together.

CALL TO PRAYER

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mason Wagner

- 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. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE IN CONTEXT

SCRIPTURE | LUKE 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON • ALWAYS BLESSING, ALWAYS BLESSED

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

SERMON NOTES • A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Always Blessing, Always Blessed • Luke 24:44-53