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THE SPIRIT UNLEASHED IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

AUGUST 14 - SEPTEMBER 25



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The Book of Acts is one of the wildest books in the Bible. It tells stories and describes events that are so unfamiliar to our lives and experiences as people of faith. There are miraculous prison escapes, appearances by angels, ordinary people suddenly speaking in languages they've never learned, rousing speeches that either convince or infuriate huge crowds... and an unwavering sense of hope. The book is exciting, because it tells a story in which anything seems possible now that the Spirit has arrived and a new day has dawned. Acts urges us to dream bigger and expect more.

In this series we'll take a deep dive into the story of the early church and the remarkable spread of the gospel from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Today, we continue to be God's witnesses and have a vital role in the continuing story of Jesus's unstoppable kingdom. Scan the QR code to read along with us or visit universitychristian.org/UNSTOPPABLE/.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

MINISTERS are 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 request form found at the bottom of our website or email us at pastoralcare@uccftw.com.

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WORSHIP BULLETIN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

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Reverend
Dr. Russ Peterman
SENIOR MINISTER

WELCOME

to University Christian Church!

We are so glad that you have joined us for Kick-off Sunday as we launch a new year of programs and ministries!

My prayer is that you will feel a sense of welcome as we gather together!

Here at UCC we believe that the Spirit is all around us and invites us to see the world through the eyes of faith and love.

As we worship know that you are loved, that you are valuable, that you are a part of what God is already doing in the world! Our hope is that here you can experience Christ's courageous love for yourself and learn to carry that love with you WHEREVER YOU GO.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All Youth, grades 6 - 12, are welcome to sit together at the Ten:10 service in Walker Hall and head up to Room 303 afterwards for conversation and space for prayer from 11:00 a.m. - Noon.

Children's Worship is available at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for Infants-5th graders: Children will create and share worship together. At 10 a.m., Discovery Kids for K-5th grade and Playground Faith for Preschoolers. Check-in and pick-up for Cribs-Fours in Walker Hall Hallway outside south preschool wing. Check-in and pick-up for K-5th in Discovery Headquarters, Room 211.

FEATURED EVENTS

COLLEGE FROGS FIRST LUNCH

Sunday, August 21 at 12:15pm
in the College Lounge

Following the Frogs First Worship at Robert Carr Chapel (11:00am) students who are interested in UCC are welcome to join us for lunch in our College Lounge! We'll have lunch together and you can learn more about UCC and college ministries. We hope you can join us!

Register, RSVP or learn more online.

UCC'S CHILDREN'S CLOSET IS OPEN!

The Children's Closet opened this past week and has already distributed over 2,000 school uniforms! You can support the Closet by giving your time to help fill orders, fold shirts and jeans, and unbox and organize inventory, or you can make a financial gift to The Children's Closet to help purchase uniforms. Scan the QR code to make a financial gift, or e-mail Susan Hill at sushillhill@gmail.com to volunteer or learn more. Scan the QR code to give.



JOYS & CONCERNS

We celebrate with Susan and James Sprinkle, Laurie and Winky Hix following the birth of their great-granddaughter and granddaughter, Adalaide Lee Hix, August 11. Parents are Christy and William Hix of Hewitt, Texas.

We celebrate with Lisa and Kevin Wan following the birth of granddaughter, Auden Bailey Brewer, August 7. Parents are Rachelle and Linn Brewer.

We surround in prayer Pepper and Jennifer Ackers and family following the death of Pepper's father, Larry Ackers, August 7 in Lubbock.

We surround in prayer Roberta and Gerald Bates following the death of Roberta's sister, LeAnne Brown Woodridge, July 26.

We surround in prayer Van and Gail Bollen and family following the death of Van's uncle, Clifford Taylor, July 20 in Amarillo.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Jean Graham Frick. Jean has a long association with UCC beginning in the early 1950's while a student at TCU. Many will remember her playing in the orchestra for the Boars Head program as well as many other activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACADEMY 4 REGISTRATION AND LUNCH & LEARN

Each Tuesday at noon from now until September 13, we are hosting a virtual Lunch and Learn to explain how and why Academy 4 works. Anyone interested in learning about our program may join us on Zoom here: goa4.org/lunchandlearn or scan the QR code to zoom.



This fall we'll be back at Alice Contreras Elementary School for the Academy 4 Mentorship program! Academy 4 takes place one Friday afternoon a month during the school year. All fourth-grade students, mentors, and volunteers gather on the school campus during, on the same afternoon, for a fun-filled time of leadership training and relationship building. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.



MEN'S MINISTRY AXE THROWING EVENT

Thursday, August 25 from 6pm to 8pm

The Men's Ministry is meeting for an evening of fun, fellowship and learning a new skill. We are meeting at the Fort Worth Axe Factory, 220 S. Sylvania Ave, Unit 110, Fort Worth TX 76111. All attendees must wear closed toe shoes. \$15 per registrant. Scan the QR code to Learn More and Sign Up.



WORSHIP STAFF

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD & CUP

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Holy Manna • arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #477 STANZAS 1 & 3**

Pass It On

Hymn Tune: PASS IT ON

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

***POSTLUDE**

When in Our Music God is Glorified • Robert A Hobby



UCC Vision, Mission and Weekly Core Value

Vision

Transforming the world by living out Christ's courageous love.

Mission

Seek the Sacred. Commit to Love. Empower to Serve.

Weekly Core Value: Generosity

We respond to God's abundance with gratitude as we invest in God's calling for our community. Our giving doesn't begin and end with our finances. We commit our spiritual gifts and talents back to God.

As communion trays are passed, please take the bread but hold the cup until all are served. Then the minister will invite us to receive the cup together.

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.

UCC 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.

As a Green Chalice Congregation: UCC joins churches across the country in faithfully caring for God's creation.



In the World:

Our Global Missionary Partner: Elena Huegel, Mexico

Global Ministry Intern Erinn Miller, United Kingdom

This week's prayer partner: Kenya and Mission Coworker, Bosela Eale

Today's CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart • arr. Brenda Portman Janet Pummill, organ

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 7**

When in Our Music God is Glorified Hymn Tune: ENGELBERG

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Renee Hoke

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

All: *For God has done wondrous things for us.*

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with your power that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

All: *For Christ has called and blessed us!*

One: Come, Holy Spirit!

All: *Help us boldly proclaim the risen Christ!*

***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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Rev. Kera Watts (11am)

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 needed.

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.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Jessica Vacketta

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

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

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

SCRIPTURE | ACTS 1: 1-14

Urbin McKeever, Reader

You can find today's scripture readings on page 118 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON • "YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES"

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

***THE PEACE**

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #480**

I Love to Tell the Story
 Hymn Tune: HANKEY



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 Hymn Tune: HANKEY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Faiha Al-Atrash, International Newcomer Academy

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

When Thou, O Lord, Hadst Arisen • Arr. Rachmanninoff
 Chancel Choir and Eric Mullins, Assistant Choirmaster

When thou, O Lord, hadst arisen from the tomb and burst the bonds of hell, thou destroyedst the condemnation of death for all mankind, breaking the snare of the enemy. Revealing thyself to thine Apostles, thou didst send them forth to preach thy word, granting thy peace through them to all the world, O thou only all merciful Lord Christ.

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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**

9am: Urbin McKeever
 11am: Danyelle Ackall

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

Sergei Rachmaninoff wrote his All-Night Vigil, Op. 37 in 1915, consisting of texts taken from the Russian Orthodox All-night vigil ceremony. Often mis-translated as Vespers, it actually includes settings from Vespers (evening prayers), Matins (morning prayers), and Prime (the first hour canon). "When Thou, O Lord hadst arisen" is No. 14 of 15 movements. Almost exclusively performed in Russian, today's anthem was translated by Canon Winfred Douglas and authorized by the composer.

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.