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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP BULLETIN

JANUARY 28, 2024 universitychristian.org



A Disciples of Christ Congregation



REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN SENIOR MINISTER

WELCOME

to University Christian Church!

Thank you for coming to the final Sunday of January worship. One of the notable things we all tend to do in the early stages of a new year is take stock of our relationships, and often that leads to a rumination on forgiveness: are there any we used to love and cherish that we pushed away for some reason, be it a year ago or 20? What does forgiveness even mean? We will be in Colossians today discussing this idea of forgiveness and redemption, and next week we'll be in Luke 23 for the finale. I hope to see you back here.

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STUDENT & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Worship is available for infants through fifth grade. At 10am, there is both Playground Faith for preschoolers and Discovery Kids for K-5. The check-in for cribs-fours is in the Walker Hall hallway outside of the south preschool wing; the check-in for K-5 is in Room 211.



Bridge: Bridge AM is at 11 am in Room 217 -- or join us for Youth Sunday School (Grades 7-12) in Room 223. Bridge PM is in Room 217.

Youth: Youth is at 5pm in Room 211.

College: Lunch Bunch is Wednesdays from 11:30am to 1:30pm in the College Lounge, and Grow is Thursdays from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the same space. Centered is Sundays from 7pm to 8pm in the Chapel, and yes, it almost did cause Chiefs fan Rev. Austin to miss a chunk of their playoff game last weekend.

UCC WRITERS FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 3

This will be hosted by the Church and the Arts Committee. If you are a writer or composer and would like to share your published or not-yet-published work, please contact Marilyn A. Ivy at marilynaivy@gmail.com. The writing can be anything from poetry to short stories to music to anything else!

JOYS & CONCERNS

We surround in prayer Michelle and Brock Groom following the death of their mother, Marlene Bertts, January 22 in St. Louis.

We surround in prayer Margaret Ann Smith following the death of her huband, Keith Smith, January 21. A service honoring his life will take place on January 30 at 2 pm in the chapel.

We pray for Gabriella Campbell following the death of her grandfather, David Johns, January 10.

Our prayers are with family and friends of Jan Riddle Stone (widow of Ralph Stone former UCC Minister to Students), January 17.

We pray for Linda Hoffer; Allison Castillo; Hattie, Tess and Tanner Castillo following the death of Bud Hoffer on January 23. A service honoring his life will take place in the Sanctuary on February 2 at 2 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY

After we finish the Forgiveness series next Sunday, February 11 worship will be led by our youth.

PANCAKE SUPPER

On Fat Tuesday (February 13), we will host a Pancake Supper in Walker Hall from 6-7:30pm. All are welcome, and the Paschal/McLean Jazz Band will be playing.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday services (February 14) will be at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Our 2024 Lenten series will begin on February 18, and it will be called "The Way: Following in the footsteps of Jesus.

REMINDER ABOUT EOG

If you have not submitted your Estimate of Giving for 2024, please use the QR code here to offer your estimate. We hope to see you in-person throughout Lent 2024.



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DR. AMY STEWART Assistant Organist

VIDEO AND SOUND

DAVE MARTIN, BAINBRIDGE ALLEN, RICH DARR, JACK STEWART

RADIO ANNOUNCER

DIANE COOPER

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

*POSTLUDE

Festival March on Lauda Anima • Lani Smith

If you are a guest today please stop by our Welcome Desk (to your right, up the stairs) for UCC information and a warm welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

IN THE WORLD

Global Ministries is a shared ministry between the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ. Join us in praying for global and local partners who work for justice, reconciliation and peace.

◆ Our Global Missionary Partner: Emma Perry, Hungary



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Today's CELEBRATION of WORSHIP

PRELUDE

When Love Is Found • Aaron David Miller Dr. Amy Stewart, organ

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #23

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and worship Christ,

All: the firstborn of creation, the eternal God:

One: the one through whom all things were created,

All: and in whom all things are held together.

One: This is our God!

All: Let's worship together.

*GLORIA PATRI #35

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.

CALL TO PRAYER

9am: Rev. Austin Schmidt 11am: Rev. Shannon Moore One: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

One: Let us pray.

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 or sung 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 understanding of God.

The Gloria Patri is a short hymn of praise to God in the persons of Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

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 - COLOSSIANS 3: 12-15

Barbara Tucker

You can find today's scripture readings on page 201 of the New Testament in the pew Bible.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - FORGIVENESS: FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Chad Cline



RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Peace I Give to You • Craig Courtney Chancel Choir and Dan Stevens, violin Rev. Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

Peace I leave you.

My peace I give you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Let not your heart be troubled and fear not.

In this world you shall have tribulations.

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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

9 am: Jeff Moore, Elder 11 am: Marilyn Ivy, Elder

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD & CUP

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

Sheep May Safely Graze • J. S. Bach

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #73

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy WELLESLEY

Today's offertory is a poignant setting of selected verses from John 14. Composer Craig Courtney uses a flowing keyboard part and soaring violin to convey this meaningful text. A native Hoosier, Courtney serves as staff composer and editor of Beckenhorst Press. For many years, he led worship and the choir at The Church at Mill Run in Columbus, Ohio.

Our communion bread is free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, and nuts. 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.