



# Prayers for an Anxious Heart

A SERIES IN THE PSALMS

MAY 17  
When Life Brings Hardship  
MAY 24  
When Shame Finds Us  
MAY 31  
When Trust is Hard

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### Accessible

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# WELCOME

to University Christian Church!

It is a gift to gather together in worship today. Whether you come with a long history in this community or are stepping through these doors for the first time, we're grateful you are here and part of this moment.

Today we begin a new sermon series, "Prayers for an Anxious Heart: A Series in the Psalms." The Psalms give voice to the full range of human experience—fear, worry, hope, and trust—reminding us that we can bring our whole selves before God. This morning's message, When Fear Overwhelms, invites us to trust that even in our most anxious moments, God sees us, hears us, and holds us fast.

REV. DR. RUSS PETERMAN  
SENIOR MINISTER

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for the women who have nurtured, guided, and shaped our lives in faith and love. We also recognize that this day can hold many emotions, and we trust that God meets each of us with care and compassion wherever we are.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship so we can greet you personally.

**Children's Worship** is available for infants through fifth grade. The check-in for cribs-fours is in the UCC Kids space on the 1st floor. (Room 160, 135, and 136). The check-in for K-5 is in the UCC Kids space on the 2nd floor. If your child is in worship today, make sure to check out our UCC Kid's Corner located by the Bell Tower door. Feel free to grab a clipboard and enjoy your Children's Worship bulletin and the toys inside!

**Bridge (Grades 4-5)**  
Bridge AM meets for Sunday School at 11am in room 235 inside our UCC Kids space on the 2nd floor. Bridge PM meets in the same place 4-5pm on Sunday evening. Then we join the youth for Snack Supper from 5-5:30pm.

**Youth (Grades 6-12)**  
This week, Sunday school makes the shift to Youth Community Hour. Each Sunday through the summer during the 11:00 hour, this is an opportunity for our students to come hang out, connect with one another, and check in with a few leaders! Join us in the Youth Assembly Space on the Second Floor!

Be on the lookout in the next week or so for a UCC Youth Summer Save the Date with all the details of our activities this summer! If you have any additional questions about Youth Ministry at UCC, please email Kyle at [kyle.powell@uccftw.com](mailto:kyle.powell@uccftw.com).

**College:** Howdy! We're so excited for this semester with you! Check out our IG [@uccftw\\_college](https://www.instagram.com/uccftw_college) to see what our community is up to, or to setup a coffee with Austin or Alison.



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## JOYS & CONCERNS

We hold in prayer Karen Wardell and Greg Gober following the death of Karen's father, Coy Wardell, on April 21. We also pray for Coy's grandchildren, Claire, Walt, and Maria Gober.

We hold Brenda and Chad Cline in prayer following the death of Brenda's father, David Almes, on May 4. We also pray for David's grandchildren—Jason Cline; Jared Cline and his wife Anna; and their children, Kendall and Morgan.

We hold in prayer Bea Smith following the death of her mother, Carolyn Smith, on May 1.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are some of the ministry opportunities happening in the life of UCC. Simply scan the QR code or visit [universitychristian.org](https://www.universitychristian.org) for each ministry area for details, links and information.



**MEN'S MINISTRY/OUTREACH:**  
One Man's Treasure Collection

### SUPPORT LOCAL MOMS AND FAMILIES ON MOTHER'S DAY

Today, May 10 - One Day Only!  
We are collecting **Baby Wipes** and new or gently used **Girls Clothing** (9 months & 3T) to support Berry Sweet Babies, a local ministry dedicated to supporting families in our community. Donation stations are available in the Gallery and outside Walker Hall.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
May 15-17, 2026 | Mineral Wells  
Scan the QR code for more information and registration.



**UCC ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
May 26, 2026 | 6:30pm  
You are invited to join us in person or via Zoom for our May Assembly meeting. Scan the QR code to join via Zoom.

## WORSHIP STAFF

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**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium in G Major BWV 541* • Johann Sebastian Bach

Our communion bread is gluten free and we use alcohol-free grape juice. Everyone is welcome to participate in this sacred meal.

If you are a guest today please stop by our Welcome Desk in the gallery for information and a warm UCC welcome. We look forward to meeting you!



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

creation. Thank you for recycling your bulletin.

**Green Tip:**

Use appliances thoughtfully. Only run your washer, dryer and dishwasher after the sun goes down.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**You Can Lend Your Voice to Worship**

Reading Scripture in worship is a powerful way to Seek the Sacred and help our community hear God's word through many voices. If you'd like to serve as a reader, contact Rev. Shannon Moore: [shannon.moore@uccftw.com](mailto:shannon.moore@uccftw.com)

**You Can Share Beauty in the Sanctuary**

Flowers given in honor, memory, or celebration help us worship with gratitude and joy. To sponsor a Sunday arrangement, contact Clair Lee: [clair.lee@uccftw.com](mailto:clair.lee@uccftw.com)

**PRELUDE**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* • Johann Sebastian Bach  
Janet Pummill, organ

**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Kera Watts

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #21**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*  
LEONI

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Fear touches our lives in many ways.

All: **We place our trust in God's hands.**

One: God is attentive to every trembling heart.

All: **Let us offer our worship with confidence in God's divine care.**

**\*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**

Rev. Austin Schmidt

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.

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 - PSALM 56**

9:00am - Nancy Strickland

11:00am - Harry Parker

You can find today's scripture reading on page 523 of the Old Testament in the Pew Bible.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON - PRAYERS FOR AN ANXIOUS HEART: WHEN FEAR OVERWHELMS**

Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman

**\*THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #83**

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

JULIAN

**CELEBRATING GENEROSITY**



*This I know,  
that God is for  
me. In God,  
whose word  
I praise, in  
the Lord, whose  
word I praise, in  
God I trust; I am  
not afraid.*

- from Psalm 56:9-11

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*I Waited for the Lord* • Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir, Dory McDonald & Sarah Jennings, sopranos  
Dr. Todd Prickett, choirmaster

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me,  
he heard my complaint.

O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

**\*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**

9:00am - Ellen Lewis, Elder

11:00am - Mike Herring, Elder

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD & CUP**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP**

*Meditation on "Let Us Break Bread Together"* • arr. Douglas E. Wagner

UCC Bell Ringers

**\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #566**

*Be Still My Soul*

FINLANDIA

Today's offertory anthem is an excerpt from Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's (1809-1847)

Symphony No. 2 in B-flat Major, Op. 52 is also known as Hymn of Praise (Lobegesang in German.) Mendelssohn

composed the symphony in 1840 and described it as "A Symphony-Cantata on Words of the Holy Bible, for Soloists, Chorus and Orchestra." It is a large work, with a complete performance of the symphony lasting well over an hour. This movement is scored for two

soprano soloists and chorus, with the text derived from Psalm 40. This morning, we will feature soprano Dory McDonald who has sung as the Chancel Choir's TCU section leader for the past three years; she graduated from TCU this weekend and plans to attend graduate school at University of Kentucky in the fall.

Joining her for this beautiful duet is another remarkable soprano, Sarah Jennings.

A Doxology is a short hymn or chant sung as an expression of praise to God. On the last line, feel free to sing "Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."