

ORDINARY TIME

We Are: One Foundation

October 10, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.



UNIVERSITY CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



walking together on God's transformative
adventure, following the path of love and
justice as revealed to us by Jesus.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Bearing the Light: Van Dyck Family

Music Director: Benjamin Rogers **Organist:** David Nichols

Chancel Choir

“Nothing More” musicians: Eva Lieber, Elle Jerbi, Sophie

Turner, Sydney Colescott, and Margaret Swanson, vocals;

Bob Perkins, guitar

Guest Musician: Terry Moore, cello

Preacher: Amy Roon

Clergy: Catherine Foote and Steve Jerbi

Liturgists: Betty Spieth-Croll and Tim Croll

Grace and peace to you from God who is Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Whether you join us this morning believing, seeking or doubting, we welcome you to worship with us. We pray that you will be met here by the living Christ.

As an open and affirming congregation, we celebrate our diversity in religious background, gender, sexual orientation, age, race and abilities.

As Christians we are shaped by the language of our tradition, including its foundation—the Bible. Some of us understand Christian language in literal and factual terms. Others understand it as a language filled with symbolism and metaphor. We all share a common passion for the more-than-literal meaning of the stories and teachings that guide us.

The chancel flowers are in remembrance of Don Mallett, whose life we celebrated yesterday afternoon.

Please silence cell phones during worship, and thank you for staying masked inside the building

We encourage you to socially distance by family groups as much as possible.



Our sanctuary has an induction loop system—use T mode.

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**WE ARE: ONE FOUNDATION
WE GATHER**

**please rise in body or spirit*

PRELUDE “Sarabande” from *Suite for Cello* no. 3 in C Major J. S. Bach
Terry Moore, cello

WELCOME Amy Roon

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT Betty Spieth-Croll and Tim Croll

October Action Step:

Read about the Methow Conservancy’s fundraising initiative to return land to the Confederated Tribes of Colville.

www.methowconservancy.org

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT & CALL TO WORSHIP Van Dyck Family

THRESHOLD MOMENT: RELEASE OF THE SHEEP

Catherine Foote and Chris Heritage

ANTHEM “Ave Maria” J. S. Bach and Charles Gounod
Terry Moore, cello; David Nichols, piano

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Margaret Swanson and Steve Jerbi

SONG “Nothing More” Eric Donnelly & Timothy Warran
Eva Lieber, Elle Jerbi, Sophie Turner, Sydney Colescott, and Margaret Swanson, vocals; Bob Perkins, guitar

PASTORAL PRAYER

Catherine Foote

You’re invited to write a prayer concern on the pink card in the pew rack. Place your card in the offering plate so it can be passed on to the Prayer Chain and the clergy. You are also invited to place prayers in the prayer wheel at the front of the sanctuary. Prayers placed in the prayer wheel will not be shared with the Prayer Chain or the clergy, and when the cylinder is full, they will be shredded and returned to the earth as compost.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are your children, part of your holy creation.
Yet too often we do not honor you with our words and deeds.
We try to be working toward your justice.
Then we teach and act in the ways of white supremacy,
colonization, and oppression, calling it church.
Help us remember we are yours and that you have planted ways of
love and wisdom within us.
Put us on the path that brings harmony with you, one another, and
all creation.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please feel free to address God in a way that is faithful to God's relationship to you.

**Our Father, Our Mother, 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.**

WE PROCLAIM

THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:17-22

Betty Spieth-Croll and Tim Croll

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “We Are: One Foundation” Amy Roon

SERMON HYMN # 400 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
Neale, Troeger, and Smart
Terry Moore, tenor; David Nichols, organ

WE RESPOND

OFFERINGS FOR THE MISSION OF GOD’S CHURCH

“WE ARE” GENEROUS: A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

If you are seated by the side aisle, please find the “Welcome” pad, sign it, and pass it down the row. As the pad is passed back, please take note of those you are sitting with so you can greet them by name following worship.

Throughout October we are participating in the national UCC Neighbors in Need special offering, which focuses this year on homelessness. Two thirds of the offering will go to address homelessness, and one third, as always, will go to the Committee for American Indian Ministry. A Neighbors in Need grant for \$10,000 to Shadow Rock UCC of Phoenix will be used to build a large new shelter for the many refugees needing time to apply for legal entry. Thank you for giving.

OFFERTORY “Vocalise” Rachmaninoff, ed. Wallfisch
Terry Moore, cello; David Nichols, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Steve Jerbi

*OUR COVENANT

Betty Spieth-Croll and Tim Croll

Leader: God of Providence and Grace,
in a spirit of memory, thanksgiving and hope:

**All: We covenant with You and with one another;
To seek and respond to Your word and will,
made known and to be made known;
To worship You in unity and diversity,
welcoming everyone;
To live responsibly within Your creation,
sharing with gratitude the gifts we are given;
To care for and pray for each other,
in trials of the spirit and in times of joy;
To encourage each other in the growth of
our minds and spirits;
To promote Your reign of justice and peace,
meeting hate with reconciling love; and
To reject the false gods of society,
proclaiming the gospel of Jesus.
May God help us and be with us. Amen.**

*DOXOLOGY MOVEMENT

Praise God the Source of Life and birth;
Praise God the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Flame;
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen

WE GO FORTH

*BENEDICTION

Amy Roon

POSTLUDE “How Firm a Foundation,” part 1 arr. James H. Johnson
David Nichols

We invite you to go and take the good news with you into the world—or you may stay and use this time to listen to the music. Persons of any age may move to the chancel for a better view of the performers and their instruments.

Our worship leaders look forward to greeting you after worship. A pastor will remain at the front of the church near the prayer wheel to receive prayer requests.

ABOUT THIS SERMON SERIES

We are—these two words not only shape our fall series but declare deep truths about our congregation. **WE** makes it clear that for all of our personal experiences, the path of discipleship is a collective journey. **ARE** is a statement of being, describing our identity. In the way that Psalm 139 covers our waking and sleeping, our coming and going, these words cover all aspects of our community. *We are shaped by our past. We are participating in God's ongoing liberation. We are hopeful for a future for generations to come. **We are.***

Our series begins with our identity in Christ, being known by God. We are reflections of Christ and friends of Jesus. No matter what else is happening around us, these are always true marks of who we are in the present.

Our attention then shifts to the legacy of who we've been and the work of those who have come before us. We are called to know our foundation, particularly as a community that was intentionally brought into the U District. We are the gifts of the ancestors in faith. We celebrate being a community that pursues both knowledge and wisdom.

As the nights grow longer and seasons begin to turn, we are drawn toward our calling. The future God holds for us is as a covenant people, filled with abundance and citizens of heaven.

Throughout this season we recognize things within ourselves:

- We are a living church, not a historical monument.
- We are a place where heirloom seeds grow alongside new plants and hybrids in God's wild garden.
- We are a place and a people where God's story continues to unfold.

WE ARE.

Spiritual Practice

Create "I am" and "We are" poems. These may be incorporated into worship, our website, our Facebook page, or elsewhere. Send your poems to worship@universityucc.org. Or upload a photo or video to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/3yS3LS3tqcqAoRGHyEbx>.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

“To care for and pray for each other in trials of the spirit and in times of joy...”

Each week we share prayer requests as a congregation, both in prayers led by one of the pastors, and on our pew cards. We list the prayers for each other here as a way to continue to hold one another in prayer.

Prayers Announced October 3, 2021

Pastor Catherine Foote Leading

- ◇ From Jane Buckner: (Share with Prayer Chain) “Pray for my sister Susan—recovering from a hip fracture while being treated for cancer.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, 10 October 2021

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Youth Group	Pilgrim room
9:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Children's Play Time	Playground
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	WORSHIP	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Sacred Earth Matters monthly meeting	Zoom 3
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	University District Interfaith Immigration Justice	Zoom 1
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	WORSHIP LIVESTREAM	online
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Fireside Group	Zoom 1

Monday, 11 October 2021

10:30 AM to 2:00 PM	Senior Lunch	Zoom 1
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Seabeck Book Club sponsors the Visiting Theologian	Zoom 3

Tuesday, 12 October 2021

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Bible Study	Zoom 2
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Wednesday, 13 October 2021

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Afghan Support Initiative	Zoom 1
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Prayer Circle	Zoom 3
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Facilities & Equipment Committee meeting	Zoom 1
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting	Zoom 2
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Middle School Game Night	Online 2

Thursday, 14 October 2021

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Sanctuary Study Group meeting	Zoom
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Emergence Team	Zoom 3
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Choir Zoom	Zoom

Friday, 15 October 2021

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Church and home - monthly due date	
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Racial Justice Steering Committee	Zoom 3
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	AV tech team rehearsal	Sanctuary

Saturday, 16 October 2021

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Apple Day	Offsite 1
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Order of Ecumenical Franciscans	Chapel

Sunday, 17 October 2021

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Youth Group	Pilgrim room
9:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Children's Play Time	Playground
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	WORSHIP	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Mwanzo presentation	Ostrander Hall
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	WORSHIP LIVESTREAM	online

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Budget & Finance Forum

Today, October 10, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, on Zoom

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022, you may find you have questions about how UCUCS uses its resources. Our Director of Finance and Operations, Kyna Shilling, will share updates on our 2021 budget, give an overview of our church finances and the impact of the pandemic, and will answer any questions you may have about our budget and spending. Please plan to attend this meeting via Zoom—the link will be in upcoming weekly emails.

Gathering Ground Event: *Whiteness Is Not an Ancestor* book study and reflection group

Sunday, October 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

How do we reckon with a family history of racism? Using a lens of inherited trauma, this collection of personal essays offers a path to dismantle whiteness, face grief, and bring healing. Assistance available to loan or purchase the book. Online via Zoom. RSVP [here](#).

Apple Day at Catherine's farm!

October 16, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

You are invited to Pastor Catherine's Whidbey Island farm for Apple Day. We will pick apples, press apple juice, walk the woods, build a straw labyrinth, and chose pumpkins to take home for Halloween. This is an all-church event—everyone is welcome! We will be outdoors, distanced and masked. Bring a lunch, something to drink, and a lawn chair. Wear sturdy shoes and farm clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Plan to bring a quart or half gallon container if you would like to take home some of the apple juice. Catherine's address is in the church directory. Let us know if you need directions by emailing office@universityucc.org.

Men's Weekend at Pilgrim Firs

October 22 - 24

You are invited to the annual UCUCS Men's Weekend on October 22-24 to enjoy the fellowship of other men, a thought-provoking program, and the surrounding forest and lake. We will gather on Friday evening between 7-8 pm at Pilgrim Firs, our conference center near Port Orchard. Staff and guests will be provided with guidelines to keep everyone safe during our

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time together. Professor Enrique Olguin, retired Ethnic Studies faculty, presents the Saturday morning program titled “Social Bandits: American Robin Hoods”. We will conclude before noon on Sunday to be able to attend Pastor Steve Jerbi’s installation later that afternoon at our church. Please contact Earl Hamilton at earlwhamilton@gmail.com for more information.

Ally Building with Indigenous People workshop

Saturday, October 23, 9:30 am - 12:30pm

This workshop will be led by teachers from the Seattle based Na’ah Illahee Fund, an Indigenous woman-led nonprofit. The focus of the workshop is on ally building with Indigenous communities and why allyship is important for each one of us, no matter where we live, work or our heritage. A Zoom link will be sent a few days before the workshop for those registered. Those collaborating with the trainers from Na 'ah Illahee to plan the workshop include members of the UCUCR Racial Justice Action team: Gail Crouch, Jessie McAbee, Ginger Warfield and Patti Brandt. Register [here](#).

Pastor Steve’s Service of Installation

Sunday October 24, 3:00 pm, in person and online

Save the date for the installation service of Rev. Steve Jerbi, Minister of Worship and Christian Formation. Join us online and in-person to mark this important occasion. Visiting Theologian Rev. Norton will be preaching.

Gathering Ground Event: Introduction to Day of the Dead

Sunday October 24, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Offered both online and in person at University Heights Center, Room 209. Learn about the moving practices of the Mexican fiesta, Dia de los Muertos. It’s a powerful tradition to honor those who have passed on, but who are still important in your life. Please bring with you as you log on or attend in person: photographs or favorite foods of your beloved family who have passed on. Led by Rene De Los Santos. If attending in person, we’ll practice community safety by wearing masks & distancing.