

ORDINARY TIME

We Are: Called to Be Saints

October 31, 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: The Miller Family

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

Chancel Choir

“Nothing More” musicians: Eva Lieber, Elle Jerbi, Anika Segall,
Sophie Turner, Sydney Colescott, and Margaret Swanson, vocals;
Bob Perkins, guitar

Guest Musician: Terry Paananen, euphonium

Preacher: Amy Roon

Clergy: Catherine Foote

Liturgist: Lillian Lahiri

Pastor Steve Jerbi is away this week.

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 roses are in honor of all babies born in our congregation since the pandemic began.

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.

Services are recorded. If you do not wish to have your image included in a recording, please contact the office or one of the ministers.



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

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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.**

SONG

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Catherine Foote

At the words “Hear us, O God,” you are invited to respond, “Your mercy is great.”

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Candles will be lit in memory of members and friends of this church who have died in the past year. A final candle will be lit in memory of others who have died this past year. After the list of names has been read, you are invited to speak aloud the name(s) of other loved ones who have died.

Michael Marco August 20, 2020

Don Mallett May 30, 1943-November 17, 2020

Roy Grundy February 4, 1930-November 20, 2020

Larry Rowell January 27, 1930 - December 19, 2020

Marcia McElvain April 22, 1939 – January 11, 2021

Carol McRoberts December 28, 1942 – March 9, 2021

Joel Godston July 4, 1934 – March 30, 2021

John Stoppels June 8, 1954 – July 10, 2021

Barbara Beuschlein October 2, 1930 – September 5, 2021

Ed Wells July 2, 1940 – September 5, 2021

Betty Duncan March 17, 1923 – September 10, 2021

The millions of victims of COVID-19.

WE PROCLAIM

THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lillian Lahiri

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: Called to Be Saints”

Amy Roon

SERMON HYMN # 299 “For All the Saints”

William H. How, Ralph Vaughan Williams
Benjamin Rogers, voice; David Nichols, organ

WE RESPOND

OFFERINGS FOR THE MISSION OF GOD'S CHURCH

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

"Jerusalem"

C. Hubert, H. Parry, arr. Maurice Bale

Terry Paananen, euphonium; David Nichols, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Catherine Foote

*OUR COVENANT

Lillian Lahiri

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

WE GO FORTH

*BENEDICTION

Amy Roon

POSTLUDE

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

traditional

Terry Paananen, euphonium; David Nichols, piano

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 24, 2021

- ◇ We continue to hold interim music director Benjamin Rogers in prayers of healing as he deals with illness.
- ◇ Prayers of joy for yesterday’s (Saturday, Oct. 23rd) wedding of Jeff Hancock and Virginia Felton’s son.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, 31 October 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
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
11:15 AM to 12:45 PM	Halloween Trunk or Treat event	Parking Lot A
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	WORSHIP LIVESTREAM	online

Monday, 01 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Wisdom Circle	Zoom 1
4:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Mwanzo Board Meeting	Zoom 1
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Christian Formation Ministry meeting	Margaret's Zoom
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Seabeck Book Club	Zoom 3

Tuesday, 02 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Bible Study	Turner Lounge
6:15 PM to 8:15 PM	Men's Supper Group	Turner Lounge

Wednesday, 03 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
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 6:00 PM	Investment Committee	Zoom 1
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Love and Justice meeting	Zoom
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Middle School Game Night	Online 2

Thursday, 04 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
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, 05 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Racial Justice Steering Committee meeting	Zoom 3

Saturday, 06 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Pet Parade	Zoom 1

Sunday, 07 November 2021

All Day	We Are: Artists of Faith exhibit (Chapel)	
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Youth Group	Pilgrim room
9:45 AM to 11:15 AM	Children's Activity and Family-Friendly Space	Turner Lounge
10:00 AM to 11:20 AM	WORSHIP	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Stewardship Ministry meeting	O Hall 1
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Vigil for Common Good	Offsite 1
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Marcia McElvain memorial service	Sanctuary
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	WORSHIP LIVESTREAM	online

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Color Purple" Book Club

Hosted by the Seabeck Book Club and the Visiting Theologian Program.

Monday, November 1, 7:00 pm

Join us in person or online for this hybrid session while Visiting Theologian Rev. Yolanda Norton is in town. This fall book group happens every Monday through November 8 on Zoom. Contact Beth Bartholomew at beth.bartholomew.208@gmail.com

or zoom@universityucc.org for the link. Question about the class? Email Rev. Norton at revnorton@universityucc.org

Party for Catherine

Saturday, November 20, 12:30 pm

Our grand celebration of Catherine's ministry begins at 12:30 pm in Parking Lot A on November 20 with hot homemade chili and hot dogs on the grill. Check our narthex table on Sunday's for more information or check the weekly email for more information. You can let us know you are coming and register via the link in our weekly email or by emailing office@universityucc.org.

Official Notice: Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 21, 1:00 pm via Zoom

All are welcome to attend our annual congregational meeting via Zoom on Sunday November 21st. Your participation is important! As members, part of our covenantal agreement with one another is to be faithful stewards of our church resources. Members are invited to hear an update from the Budget Committee, ask questions, and vote on our 2022 Budget.

We Are...Artists of Faith

An exhibit created by members and friends of UCUC is coming to Harrington Chapel, October 31 – November 21. Stop by the chapel when you are in the church building or view these creations on the church website.

Questions? Contact liturgicalarts@universityucc.org.

We're hiring!

Know someone who might be a good fit for our community? UCUC currently has several positions open for hire. Check out this breakdown of what we are looking for at <https://www.universityucc.org/hiring/>.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

Updated office hours

Starting the week of November 1, our office hours will be Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. The best way to reach us is still via email, at office@universityucc.org.

Adopt a Christmas Family

Again this year, adopting a Christmas Family will be a simple process. Lake City Holiday Project, Bethany UCC, and Compass Housing Alliance who have partnered with us for many years have asked for gift cards only. We hope to support them as generously as we have in the past.

- Email Pris at pkloess@gmail.com or call 425-202-7911 and let her know how big of a family you would like. Families will be available by November 1 for anyone wanting an early start.
- Alternately, you can choose a family before or after services on November 21 or 28 in the Narthex.
- Purchase gift cards that have been designated by the family.
- On December 5 bring the gift cards to the Chapel. If you can't do that there will be alternate ways designated to deliver them.

If you would like to make a monetary donation that will allow the committee to purchase the gift cards for those families not adopted, you can go on line to DONATE or send a check to the church office. Designate the donation “Christmas Families”.