Welcome to University Church

A Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and
United Church of Christ Congregation

August 30, 2026

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude *Toccata in E minor* Pachelbel
Charles T. Hayes, organ

Call to Worship & Invocation

Opening Hymn *#18* *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I reach the River Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on heaven's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Ministry of Music *My Lord, What a Mornin' (Spiritual)* Burleigh
Jeanine Howard, soprano

Passing the Peace

Welcome & Announcements

Affirmation of Faith

Offering #41 *I Thank You, Jesus*

1 I thank you, Jesus. thank you, Jesus.
thank you, Jesus, my Savior God, Thank You Lord,
for you bought me, yes, you brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way, a mighty long way.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.
thank you, Jesus, my Savior God,
for you bought me, yes, you brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.

2 You've been my father been my mother,
been my sister, my brother too; for you bought me, yes,
you brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way, a mighty long way.
You've been my father been my mother,
been by sister, my brother too; for you bought me, yes,
you brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way, a mighty long way.

Benevolence Offering

Prayers of the People

Sing Together: *O Lord, hear my prayer…when I call answer me.*
O Lord, hear my prayer…come and listen to me.

Ministry of Music *Every Praise* Hezekiah Walker
UChurch Praise Ensemble

Scripture *Genesis 50:15-21*

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. 18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. 19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Sermon *Practicing Forgiveness* Mary Stainton

Silent Reflection

Communion

Closing Hymn *Total Praise* arr. Smallwood

1 There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

2 It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

3 It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. [Refrain]

Benediction

Congregational Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you, and make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and give you peace. The Lord bless you and keep you, and make her face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, and give you peace, and give you peace.

FOR PARENTS: A nursery is available on our 2nd floor (Rm. 21)

SACRED CIRCLE (ages 3-8) **AND YOUTH CHURCH** (ages 8+) will meet in the library right after Benevolence Offering.

JOIN US FOR SOCIAL HOUR in the dining room for coffee, tea, and light snacks. Thank you to today's host: **Thora Nurse**

THIS WEEK | August 30 – Sept 5

TODAY	**No Meetings today**
TUES. 1	**God Talk**, 7:30-8:30pm, via Zoom
WED. 2	**Qigong**, 10-11am, dining room
FRI. 4	**Re Sale Shop** open, 10am – 5pm
SAT. 5	**Re Sale Shop** open, 10am – 3pm

UCHURCH RESALE SHOP next sale dates are Friday, **September 4th** 10am-5pm and Saturday, **September 5th** from 10am-3pm. We are looking for volunteers to help clean up after the sale is over on Saturday! Clean up takes about an hour. For more information, please call the office at 773.363.8142

THE MESSENGER, University Church's electronic newsletter, is sent monthly by editor Stephanie Weaver. If you are not on the email list and would like to be, please contact the office. News and announcements are due the second Sunday of each month and can be emailed to wnweaver@sbcglobal.net(**Next deadline: September 13**)

CHICAGO WHITE SOX VS DETROIT TIGERS
Join us on Sunday, **September 20** for a baseball game! The game starts at 1:10pm. If you want to join us at the game, you can grab your tickets online! Our members will be sitting in the rows listed below, so try to pick a seat nearby. If you have any questions, just reach out to Valerie Lilley at (309) 360-6095.
Sec BOX 524, Row 4, Seats 1-6; Sec BOX 524, Row 5, Seats 1-6

God Talk is on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30-8:30pm** on Zoom. Join us for our Spring session *"Why do Jesus followers believe THAT?"* Paul and Romans. The link is on church website calendar (uchurchchi.org). God Talk is open to all who are inquisitive, curious, uncertain, and always wondering about all things spiritual and biblical. You might not get answers, but you'll have good conversation and discussion!

Join Charlie Havens for **Community Resilient Qigong** — a gentle, accessible practice of movement, breath, and awareness that strengthens personal vitality and community resilience. Sessions meet every **Wednesday** from **10–11 AM** in the dining room. Free and open to all — drop-ins always welcome. **Together we practice resilience now, so our community can meet what comes with balance, energy, and hope.**
No class September 9th

First Annual "***Notes in Summer***" Concert with Sean Harris
Sunday, **August 30th** from 3-5 pm, Cost: $20

- PianoForte Studios
- 1335 South Michigan Ave
  Chicago, IL 60605

https://events.humanitix.com/first-annual-notes-in-summer-concert-with-sean-harris

Please send calendar events, prayer requests, and announcements for the bulletin and/or website to: uchurch@universitychurchchicago.org **Thursdays** at **1:00pm** is the deadline for bulletin news and events.

Please take note of the **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** thru Labor Day.
As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions or needs.
Monday**: 10am–4pm**
Tuesday: **OFFICE CLOSED**
Wednesday**: 9am-12pm**
Thursday**: 9am–2pm**
Friday**: OFFICE CLOSED**

STAFF
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