Welcome to University Church

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

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PRELUDIO *(ORDER OF SERVICE)*

Preludio *Romaine March* Gounoud
(Prelude) Charles T. Hayes, organ

Llamado a la adoración y oración de invocación
(Call to Worship & Invocation)

Himno de aperture *#402* *De colores (Sing of Colors)*
(Opening Hymn)

1 De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera.
De colores, de colores es el arco iris que vemos lucir.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí,
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí.

2 De colores, de colores brillantes y finos se viste la aurora.
De colores, de colores son los mil reflejos que el sol atesora.
De colores, de colores se viste el diamante que vemos lucir.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí,
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí.

3 Jubilosos, jubilosos vivamos en gracia puesto que se puede.
Saciaremos, saciaremos la sed ardorosa del rey que no muere.
Jubilosos, jubilosos llevemos a Cristo un alma y mil más,
difundiendo la luz que ilumina la gracia divina del gran ideal;
difundiendo la luz que ilumina la gracia divina del gran ideal.

4 Canta el gallo, canta el gallo con el quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri, quiri;
la gallina, la gallina con el cara, cara, cara, cara, cara;
los polluelos, los polluelos con el pío, pío, pío, pío, pío.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí,
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí.

Ministerio de Música *Sacro Monte* Joaquin Turina
(Ministry of Music) Michael Williams, piano

Darse la paz
(Passing the Peace)

Bienvenidos y anuncios
(Welcome & Announcements)

Affirmation of Faith *Stewardship Meditation* Peighton Dwellingham
(Afirmación de Fe)

An Affirmation of University Church

October 7, 1894 - Present

Edward Scriber Ames, pastor of University Christian Church from 1900-1940, wrote these words as a mission statement in 1933:

> *This church practices union; has no creed; seeks to make religion as intelligent as science; as appealing as art; as vital as the day's work; as intimate as home; as inspiring as love.*

Such a union should not merely tolerate difference, but should seek to utilize them as resources for enlarging and vitalizing the religious life…

> *We are called to live as one, and this is God's doing.*

A free church can have no creed. There has never been uniformity of belief in all the points of any creed, and it should be relevant that such agreement is psychologically impossible.

> *We are each different and wonderful, and this is God's doing.*

All genuine science is religious in its spirit of wonder and awe, in its reverence for facts, in its patient and courageous persistence, in its unselfish and whole-hearted search for truth…

> *We learn so we may serve humanity, and this is God's doing.*

Art expresses the natural, idealizing tendency of the human mind. We have sought to use the arts in the church to set forth and enhance the highest values of life. We maintain an excellent choir and encourage members to cultivate music, drama, pageantry, poetry, and dancing.

We are each artists, created to create, and this is God's doing.

I conceive it is possible to make religious as vital as the day's work. The day's work holds its devotees day in and day out…deep habits sustain it.

We treat our faith not as a hobby but as life itself, and this is God's doing.

A real home is one where you know your way around in the dark; where chairs and tables have individuality; where you know voices and footsteps as well as faces; where you feel secure. Religion should create such a feeling about the world.

We are not safe until others are safe, and this is God's doing.

Love is the greatest force in the world. We talk about it as the heart of religion but do not sufficiently recognize that…God is love, and the kingdom of God is within us.

> *We will love because we are beloved; we will serve because the ancestors have served us; we will work to transform because we are being transformed every day; we will witness because the Lord has seen us, because this is what it means to be God's people.*

May God bless the efforts of University Church and all who inhabit this space!

> *We thank you, God, for our dynamic past and present, and we know the best is yet to come! AMEN!*

—JD (using E.S. Ames)

Oferta *Somos Uno en Cristo*
(Offering)

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno,
We're united in Jesus we're united. Like a family,
uno solo, solo. Un solo Dios, un solo Señor,
we're united, nited. We have one God, one Holy Lord.

una sola fe, un solo amor, un solo bautismo, un
We have one faith, only one Love. Just one baptism, one

solo Espíritu, y ese es el Consolador.
Holy Spirit, one Comforter sent from God above.

Ofrenda de Benevolencia *(Benevolence Offering)*

Oraciones para la gente *(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.

La oración del Señor

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad
Así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas,
Así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
Mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
Y el poder, y la gloria,
Por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Ministerio de Música *(Ministry of Music)* — *Like a Choir of Holy Angels* — Bortniansky
Bunton Sanctuary Choir

Escritura *(Scripture)* — *Exodus 32;1-14*

1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."
2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."
5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.
7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'
9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."
11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'"
14 Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Sermón *(Sermon)* — *Nepantla* — Julian DeShazier

Reflexión silenciosa *(Silent Reflection)*

Comunión *(Communion)* — *Vamos todos al banquete - Let us go now to the banquet*

Estribillo
Vamos todos al banquete,
a la mesa de la creación,
cada cual con su taburete,
tiene un puesto y una misión.

1 Hoy me levanto muy temprano,
ya me espera la comunidad,
voy subiendo alegre la cuesta,
voy en busca de tu amistad. {Estribillo}

Refrain
Let us go now to the banquet
to the feast of the universe
The table's set and a place is waiting
Come everyone with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning
The community's waiting for me
With a spring in my step I'm walking
With my friends and my family. {Refrain}

2 Venimos desde Soyapango,
San Antonio, de la Zacamil,
Mejicanos, Ciudad Delgado,
Santa Tecla y de la Bernal {Estribillo}

3 Dios invita a todos los pobres,
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores,
y a nadie le falta un con que. {Estribillo}

4 Dios nos manda hacer de este mundo,
una mesa de fraternidad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. {Estribillo}

2 We are coming from Soyapango.
San Antonio, and from Zacamil
Mexicanos, Ciudad Delgado
Santa Tecla and La Bernal. {Refrain}

3 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. {Refrain}

4 May we build such a place among us
Where all people are equal in love
God has called us to work together
And to share everything we have. {Refrain}

Himno de Clausura *#173* *Tu has venido a la orilla (You Have Come to the Lakeshore)*
(Closing Hymn)

1 Tú has venido a la orilla,
no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos;
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore,
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Estribillo
Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
Y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,
en la arena he dejado mi barca,
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

Refrain
O, Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side, I will seek other seas.

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo;
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
Tan sólo redes y mi trabajo. [Estribillo]
2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons,
you will find there my nets and labor. [Refrain]

3 Tú necesitas mis manos,
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
Amor que quiera seguir amando. [Estribillo]

3 You need my hands, full of caring.
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. [Refrain]

4 Tú, pescador de otros mares,
ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
amigo bueno, que así me llamas. [Estribillo]

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. [Refrain]

Bendición *(Benediction)*

Respuesta de la congregación (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.

PARA PADRES: A nursery is available on our 2nd floor (Rm. 21)

CÍRCULO SAGRADO (ages 3-8) and **IGLESIA JOVEN** (ages 8+) will meet in the library right after Passing of the Peace.

JOIN US FOR SOCIAL HOUR in the dining room immediately following the service for coffee, tea, and snacks. Thank you to today's hosts: **Ozias Washington & Kaneisha Dismukes**

ESTA SEMANA | Oct 11-17

HOY	**Board Meeting,** 12:30pm,library
MAR. 13	**God Talk**, 7:30-8:30pm, via Zoom
MIÉ. 14	**Qigong,** 10-11am, dining room

UCHURCH RESALE SHOP next sale dates are Friday, **November 6th** 10am-5pm and Saturday, **November 7th** 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: TODAY)**

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.**

INTERESTED IN JOINING UCHURCH?
Email Pastor Julian at: julian@universitychurchchicago.org

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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS!
We've updated our office hours! Please take note of our new schedule:
Monday: 12-4pm
Tuesday–Thursday: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Friday: Closed

STAFF
Senior Pastor: Julian DeShazier
Pastoral Intern: Pin Xiu
Music Director: Charles T. Hayes
Housing Manager: Vince Cole
Administrator: Danielle Fields-Horton
Minister for Spiritual Formation: Allen Reynolds
Minister of Place: Sarah Lyn Jones

Stewardship Campaign-
Make a Pledge in 2027:

Sharing Our Gifts!

This year the Finance Committee is asking everyone to think about Sharing Our Gifts as they fill out their online Pledge Cards or a paper one in service by October 25. Everyone has gifts to share whether it is the gift of a monetary pledge for 2027 or a gift of presence at a service, either in person or online or the gift of hosting coffee hour or serving on the Board or sharing Christ's peace with another person.

When we share our gifts, it creates a stronger community and helps us feel fulfilled. Some verses to meditate on while thinking about what gifts we have to share with our church community: 1 Peter 4:10-11 "10Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

Let's make 2027 year of praising God as we all share our gifts!

SANCTUARY WORKING GROUP
FALL BENEFIT

University Church is a member of the Sanctuary Working Group (SWG), a network in the Chicagoland area working to assist immigrants.

Join us for a night of celebration, community, and solidarity. We will have delicious food, amazing performances, and speakers that will share what we have been doing in the past year.

When: Saturday, October 24
5pm-9pm

Where: Xoco House Gallery
2317 West 18th Street
Chicago, IL

Tickets: bit.ly/SWGFundraiser26**.** We aim for a table of 8 UChurch members at $50/person.

RSVP to sharon.huntersmith@gmail.com