Welcome to University Church

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

October 25, 2026

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PRELUDIO *(ORDER OF SERVICE)*

Preludio *Aria (from Bachianas Brasilieras, No.5)* Heitor Villa-Lobos
(Prelude) Linda Eastwood, flute; Charles T. Hayes, piano

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

Himno de aperture *#35 vs.1-3* *O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder*
(Opening Hymn)

1 O mighty God, when I survey in wonder the world that
formed when once the word you said. The strands of life all woven
close together, the whole creation at your table fed.

Refrain
My soul cries out in songs of praise to you, O mighty God!
O mighty God! My soul cries out in songs of praise to you,
O mighty God! O mighty God!

2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thunder pealing, your
lightning power bursts in bright surprise; When cooling rain, your
gentle love revealing, reflects your promise, arcing through the skies. [Refrain]

3 The Bible tells the story of your blessing so freely
shed upon all human life; Your constant mercy, every care
addressing, relieving burdened souls from sin and strife. [Refrain]

Ministerio de Música *The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God (The Creation)* Haydn
(Ministry of Music) Bunton Sanctuary Choir

Darse la paz
(Passing the Peace)

Bienvenidos y anuncios
(Welcome & Announcements)

Affirmation of Faith *Stewardship Meditation* Gayle Basten
(Afirmación de Fe)

Oferta *Somos Uno en Cristo (We're United in Jesus)*
(Offering)

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo (2x)
Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo amor
Un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu, y ese es el Consolador.

We're united in Jesus, we're united, like a family, we're united (2x)
We have one God, one Holy Lord

We have one faith, only one love
Just one baptism, one 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.

Padre Nuestro ("Our Father")
Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga a nosotros tu Reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy
nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal. Amén.

Ministerio de Música
(Ministry of Music)

Escritura *(Scripture)*

Sermón *(Sermon)* Chicago Religious Leadership Network

Reflexión silenciosa *(Silent Reflection)*

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

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}

3 Dios invita a todos los pobres,
a esta mesa común por la fe,

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}

3 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good

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}

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 host: **Rhonda Sonoiki**

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!

ESTA SEMANA | Oct 25-31

HOY	**BLM Committee Meeting,** 12:30pm, library
HOY	**Finance Committee Meeting,** 12:30pm, sanctuary
MAR. 27	**God Talk**, 7:30-8:30pm, via Zoom
MIÉ. 28	**Qigong,** 10-11am, dining room

TODAY: BLM Meeting - a discussion about the Church adopting a proposed resolution to become an "Apartheid Free Community" in solidarity with Palestine.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81340450023?pwd=P05jbn9KcmVCZaAmmtkFFRBBtbCQbX.1

Meeting ID: 813 4045 0023
Passcode: 722080

We will preview a 20 minute Interview with Rev. Munther Isaac on the importance of churches naming apartheid and declaring themselves to be an Apartheid Free Community: https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2Fw-y47HP9MLM%3Fsi%3DVcouFsBLwVib1aNg&data=05%7C02%7C%7C8acb07a26af240b3addc08defbd8e7b3%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C639225106162254229%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UxjI%2B8XLNuY%2BvzPem0pTniY6Xi%2BKcUDQPdK1qwq0pfM%3D&reserved=0

We will also share a discussion of what it means to be an Apartheid Free Community; https://afsc.org/video/what-does-being-apartheid-free-mean

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL, Sunday, November 1st
Celebrate All Saints Day and Dia de los Muertos on Sunday, **November 1**! Wear your favorite costume! We will remember and celebrate our departed loved ones and craft making and great memories.

SUNDAY, November 1: ALL-SAINTS/HERITAGE SUNDAY, when we acknowledge those saints who have passed. Please email uchurch@universitychurchchicago.org or call the office at 773-363-8142 by Thursday, October 29th 1pm with the names of family members or close friends who have passed on this year.

BLACK LIVES MATTER BOOK CLUB
Sunday, **November 1**, **November 15**, and **November 22nd**
Immediately following worship service from 12:15-2pm

Book Discussion led by Almarie Wagner on **"The Future is Peace"** The book is written by Aziz Abu Sarah and Moaz Inon who details two lifelong peace activists and guides to Israel/Palestine, both of whom have lost family in the conflict, take readers on a revealing life-changing journey across the holy, bloodstained land and discover the mythic, political and personal history that divides but also binds them and their

peoples. We will continue to discuss other actions that can be taken by University Church members to build solidarity for Palestine. *This will be a hybrid discussion so we will have the Zoom option for those who want to participate on-line:*

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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

MARY HERRICK SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
The 41st Annual Award Reception and Fundraiser will be held in the church sanctuary and dining room at **4:00 PM** Sunday, **November 8**. The fund raises money to award scholarships to graduates of DuSable High School. Talk to Almarie Wagner or Sharon Hunter-Smith if you have questions or would like to donate to the fund, which was established in memory of one of University Church's many saints, Mary Herrick.

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: Nov. 8**)

CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING
Join us for a virtual Calendar Planning Meeting on Monday**, November 16th** at 6:30pm. We'll discuss upcoming 2027 events and invite members to share ideas for new events they'd like to plan or attend. If you can't attend but have ideas for events you'd like to support or lead, we'd love to hear from you—please reach out to Gayle at gaylebasten@yahoo.com. Zoom link available on the Church website calendar.

CRAFTING CLASS
Saturday, **November 21st,** 10am-12pm in the church library led by Gayle Basten and Diane Herrmann

Advent Festival & Holiday Fare
Join us on Saturday, **December 5th** for our annual "holiday party" with a potluck dinner, local and fair-trade artisans, youth activities, singing and fellowship. Holiday fare begins at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. Bring a friend, bring a dish! RSVP 773-363-8142 ext.1.

Please join us for a **Baby Shower** to celebrate Sarah, Vaibhav, and their baby-to-be during social hour after service on **December 6**. If you can, please bring a copy of your favorite children's book to kick-start the baby's library. Additional gifts (including secondhand/thrifted goods and acts of service) are welcome, but not expected.

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Monday, December 21 at 6pm – The Longest Night
A Service of Lament for those experiencing heaviness during the holidays. A place where hearts are lifted, hope is renewed, and everyone belongs. We can't wait to welcome you! Come join us.

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.

OTHER EVENTS AT UCHURCH:

UNIVERSITY THEATER/TAPS- OFF-OFF CAMPUS COMEDY SHOW Off-Off Campus is the oldest student run improvisational comedy troupe in the country. They will be performing at University Church in the second-floor theater **October 31**, **November 14** and **20** at 8PM. For more info offoffcampus.org

HOMEWORK HELP The University of Chicago and the Neighborhood Schools Program Homework Help is offering a **free** tutoring program for grades K-12 **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from 4:00 PM-6:15 PM in the library starting on Tuesday, **November 3rd**. Tutoring is done by UChicago students. Students must provide their own materials. Sign up at NSPhomeworkhelp@gmail.com

📣 **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 Lim
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