Welcome to University Church

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

Dia de los Muertos

All Saints/Heritage Sunday

November 1, 2026

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude *I'll Fly Away (Traditional)*
Charles T. Hayes, organ

Call to Worship & Invocation

Opening Hymn *Sine Nomine*

Verse 1: For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed.
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 2: Their wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Their strength and solace in the well-fought fight,
Their in the darkness drear their one true Light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3: (Choir)
Verse 4: (Choir)

Verse 5: From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ministry of Music *Precious Lord* Dorsey/Severn
Bunton Sanctuary Choir

Passing the Peace

Welcome & Announcements

Affirmation of Faith

Litany for the Ancestors

Leader: *We are here in the midst of the ancestors who dreamed of us. We are here in the midst of the future generations that we are preparing the way for.*

All: We rise together in a great cloud of witnesses.

Leader: *We lift up the ancestors of our faith, who gave us stories in which to hear the word of God. We remember Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Jeremiah and Ruth, Peter and Paul, Martha and Mary.*

All: Ancestors of faith, we remember you.

Leader: *We lift up our own prophets and teachers, who taught us to be strong in our faith. We remember our ministers, Bible Study teachers, seminary professors, and god-parents.*

All: Teachers of faith, we remember you.

***Leader**: We lift up our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, generations who have gone before us. We remember those that raised and cultivated us.*

All: Family both born and chosen, we remember you.

***Leader:** We lift up our children and grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews, spouses and friends. We remember all those whose lives ended too soon.*

All: Those whose loss still aches, we remember you.

***Leader:** We lift up the names of those we have lost in this past year. We know that they are still with us in spirit if not in body. We remember them this year for the first time as Ancestor. As we read these names we pour libation in honor of their life and legacy.*

[Names are read and libations are poured]

***Leader:** We give thanks for the lives of these ancestors, and lift up many more names in our hearts. As we honor our ancestors we look forward to the day when we will join them. We remember that our time is precious on this Earth, and that someday someone will pour libations for us.*

All: Ancestors and saints, we honor you. We carry your legacy in our hearts – you will not be forgotten.

***Leader:** We give thanks to you, O God for the lives and memories of our ancestors. In you we have the promise of resurrection and new life for all who have gone before us and all who will come after us. Be with us in the grief and joy of remembrance – you are with us through it all. Surrounded by our ancestors and your Holy Spirit, we are never alone. Amen.*

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

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.

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

Scripture

Sermon Julian DeShazier

Silent Reflection

Communion

Closing Hymn *#595 Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)*

1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Refrain
I'll fly away, oh glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

2 When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away (I'll fly away) [Refrain]

3 Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away (I'll fly away) [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 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: **Kyle Mack & Marianna**

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!

2025- 2026 Immigration court changes

- 9 out of 21 Chicago Immigration court judges, 38% of judges nationally, were dismissed without cause by the Trump administration, which simultaneously imposed a 700 case/year quota on each judge. Fired judges were replaced by former prosecutors and military attorneys. Sometimes they were not replaced at all.
- This encourages judges to cut short due process to meet their quotas.
- Application of strict pre-termination rules allow judges to deny asylum and order deportation to immigrants for minor errors on their applications.
- Court dates have been moved forward suddenly to a more immediate date, sometimes before notice reaches immigrants or their lawyers by mail, resulting in deportation if they don't show up.
- Courts have packed 100 or more immigrants at a time to appear in court together for their first procedural hearing. Instructions are given to the whole group in a crowded/chaotic setting. Those confused about or unable to hear instructions may be deported.
- **Result: affirmative asylum rulings have plunged to 2.8% nationally and 3.3% in Chicago.**

Take action: *Join in a 15-minute weekly service every Wednesday at noon outside of the Chicago Immigration Court, 55 E. Monroe St., to protest the lack of due process and to pray for immigrants. Organized by the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago*

…**remembering our family and friends who have passed this year.**

University Church Members

Carole Butler, Bunton Sanctuary Choir member and past organist, August 2026
Richard Reed, spouse of Nancy Reed, October 2026

Fabienne Christian, Music Coordinator of Morgan Park Pres. Church, November 2025
Mara Blume, co-worker, August 2026
Martha Kubajak, Morgan Park Pres. Church Choir member, September 2026
friends of Jeanine Howard

Julia Babbs
Done Edwards
Yvette Marsalis
Jesse Thompson
LeVon Thompson Jr.
friends and family of Daryl Thompson

Darryl Ladonte Ellis, partner of Charles Hayes
Gandy Heaston
Monica Kinslow
friends of Charles Hayes

Janice Basten, sister of Gayle Basten
Joan Biegay, sister of Gayle Basten

Neil Harris, father of Kikanza Harris, March 2026

Georgia M. Garner, sister of Karen Fields, October 2026

Ted Mitchell
JC Mitchell Sr.
Ophelia Mitchell
Leila Goodwin
Theodore Goodwin
Sam Ackerman
Greg Metoyer
Barron Murph
Al Rodgers
friends and family of Lala Rodgers

Judith Ann Bagale Gano, mother of Cynthia Lindner, August 2026

Odell McKinney, Sr., family of William F. Mitchell

THIS WEEK | Nov 1-7

TODAY	**Book Club** "The Future is Peace", 12:15-2pm, library
TUE. 3	**Homework Help,** 4-6:15pm, library
TUE. 3	**Toast Masters Club,** 7-9pm, library
TUE. 3	**God Talk**, 7:30-8:30pm, via Zoom
WED. 4	**Qigong,** 10-11am, dining room
THU. 5	**Homework Help,** 4-6:15pm, library
FRI. 6	**Re Sale Shop, open** 10am – 5pm
SAT. 7	**Re Sale Shop, open** 10am – 3pm

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:*

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

Meeting ID: 813 4045 0023
Passcode: 722080

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.

Details:
5:00 pm Holiday Fare, wassail, caroling & crafts
6:00 pm Potluck in dining room

Can you bring a dish?

I will bring the following to the Festival **December 5**:

main dish (meat or casserole), side dish, salad, bread, beverage, dessert

Can you help to?

I will host a table (set/decorate a table for 8)

I can help set up at 4:30

I can help clean up afterwards

Please call the office if you would like to attend but are unable to fill out the form in person. I would be happy to fill it out for you!

Please bring your family, even if you are unable to bring a dish. Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to help with the planning, please call the office and let us know. We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you!

Everyone is welcome! See you there.

BABY SHOWER

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.

UCHURCH RESALE SHOP le dates are Friday, **December 12th**, 10am–5pm & Saturday, **December 13th**, 10am–3pm, is looking for volunteers to help clean up after the sale is over on Saturday! If you're interested in helping, please come at 3:00 pm. Clean up takes about an hour. For more information, please call the office at 773.363.8142

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

OFFICE HOURS! Monday: 12-4pm; **Tuesday–Thursday:** 10:00 AM–4:00 PM; **Friday:** Closed

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