

UNIVERSITY CHURCH CHICAGO
United Church of Christ & Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

April 15, 2012 - Second Sunday of Easter

(* Indicates to please stand if willing and able.)

GATHERING

Prelude	“With a Voice of Singing”	Martin Shaw
	University Church Choir	
Call to Worship		
*Opening Hymn	“These Things Did Thomas Count”	Hymnal #254
*Invocation		
Ministry of Music	“I Believe This Is Jesus”	Undine Smith Moore
*Passing of the Peace		

INVITATIONS TO MINISTRY

Words of Welcome (Please sign and pass the clipboard at the end of the pew.)

***Affirmation of Faith**

Collection for Food Ministries “Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona”
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela. (2x)
Haleluya! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. (2x)

(Contributions to this offering are shared between the
Interfaith Council’s Food Pantry, First Presbyterian Church’s Food for Life program,
and Vital Bridges of the AIDS food program.)

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People
collective response to a joy: *Thanks be to you, oh God*
collective response to a concern: *God, in your mercy, bear our prayer*

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus’ Prayer

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The Ministry of Music

“Alleluia”
Soloist, Sean Harris
Accompanist, Jesus Garcia

Howard Savage

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture

John 20:19-31

(Children in kindergarten and above are invited
to go at this time to Junior Church in the library.)

Sermon

“God Meets You... Now Meet God”

Julian DeShazier

Silent Meditation

RESPONSE

Offertory Hymn

“Halleluja”

Hymnal #236

Offertory

(Please bring your offerings to the Table.)

Blessing of the Gifts

*Hymn

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

Hymnal #244

SENDING FORTH

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

Rev. Peter Scholtes

(Please form a circle and join hands as a sign of community)

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

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and be gracious unto you, and give you peace, and give you peace.*

CELEBRATION OF THE TABLE

Those desiring communion please gather at the Table immediately following the worship service. We practice open communion with bread and juice. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For those not taking communion, please join us in dining room for food and fellowship.

Social Hour

Immediately following worship, you are invited to the social hour in our dining room located on our first floor, adjacent to the sanctuary entrance. You are important to us. Please join us for snacks and conversation. Hosting today: Nate Reed and Kyle Nurse

Please wear your name tags so that it will be easier to get to know each other. If you need a name tag please write a note on the clipboard.

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULTS:

9:30 a.m. Place: First floor library for adults
2nd, 3rd floors for youth

CHILD CARE DURING THE SERVICE FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS IN ROOM 21 ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nurturing Community in Small Groups - At University Church, we strongly believe in nurturing connections and friendships especially by offering opportunities for gathering in community with others. Members of our congregation are hosting small group gatherings in their homes. There is no business or work to be completed. The hope is for people to learn more about one another and develop connections beyond worship time. Each gathering is by invitation and brings together new visitors and new members, as well as those who have been involved with the Church. If you are interested in being a part of one of these small group gatherings, please contact Pastor Julian (email: julian@universitychurchchicago.org). Each gathering is by invitation as our hosts are limited by the space of their home. We do hope that each and every one of our University Church members and friends will come and join a gathering. Peace!

Thursday, April 19: Church potluck, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21: The Cypher: Cultivating Community Connection - Our 1st community open-mic, bringing together artists within our neighborhoods, schools, and city in celebration of our collective gifts. Join us for an evening of poetry and storytelling as we speak spiritual truths to power while cultivating new relationships. Theme: Rebirth and Stagnation Time: 7-9 p.m. here at the church For more information: www.universitychurchchicago.org

Saturday, May 12: Memorial Service for Don Ervin, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19: Soul Food Potluck, 5:00 p.m., see sign-up sheet insert

Yes, the Rummage Sale is Coming! Dates: Friday, May 25th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Your contributions are needed. Your help will be needed.

Leave a multi-colored freezer bag at the church retreat??? It can be found on the upper shelf in the coatroom.

Friday-Saturday, June 15-16: Bridges to Community: Understanding the Immigrant Experience - Bridges to Community: Understanding the Immigrant Experience in Chicago (Two day education/immersion experience) Co-sponsored by Chicago Theological

Seminary and UCC Immigration Task Force. Call 773-293-2964 for more information and to register. **Registration deadline, May 15th.**

Information to share?

Deadline for bulletins:

Thursday mornings by 8:30 a.m.

Deadline for Messengers:

Second Sunday of every month

University Church Needs You!!!.....to sign up to host social hour. Please keep it simple so that others will be encouraged to sign up. Lighten the load! Pick a friend or two and do it together. The sign-up sheets are hanging on the south wall in the dining room. Volunteers needed for: May 6, 27. The sign-up sheets for 2012 are posted in the dining room. Pick a Sunday (or two). Hosting social hour should be kept simple. It usually involves bringing and setting up snacks and punch for about 75-100 people. Again, it can, and should be, very simple fare. Some cookies and/or crackers to go with the coffee and punch. The coffee and punch mix are provided. You then would need to clean up afterwards. It's a great way to participate in the life of our church! Please pick a Sunday (or two) in 2012 today!

Usher today: Karen Fields

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15: New Member Sunday; "God Meets You... Now Meet God," Julian DeShazier preaching; Communion; Board Meeting, 12:15 p.m. in the library

Tuesday, April 17: Dance Choir rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Wednesday, April 18: Choir practice, 7:40 p.m. in the sanctuary

Thursday, April 19: Church Potluck, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22: Earth Sunday; McKinna Daugherty preaching; Communion

Tuesday, April 17: Dance Choir rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Wednesday, April 18: Choir practice, 7:40 p.m. in the sanctuary