

## University Lutheran Church of Hope's COVID Response

Just as the pandemic continues to evolve, so, too, our congregational response and community life evolves. While for more than a year we met only online, now we are in a season of hybrid worship, meeting in-person and on Sundays also offering a Zoom and YouTube option. During this time our early service in the Chapel is not happening.

- Masks are optional outdoors
- Masks are recommended indoors
- Honor one another's space, need for distance
- And please stay home if you aren't feeling well.
- The most up to date COVID policy can be found at [www.ulch.org/ulch-response-to-covid-19](http://www.ulch.org/ulch-response-to-covid-19)

### Sunday Mornings at Hope

#### 9:30am Faith Formation for Children and Sunday Forum

Sunday School for children meets at 9:30am (masks required) in the courtyard or indoors. Sunday Forum gathers at 9:30am in Heritage Hall with a Zoom option. And the WiFi is on and there's always a comfortable spot to savor quiet time.

#### 10:30am Worship

Worship is at the heart of our life together. Our worship experience draws on the Lutheran tradition, rich in an eclectic mix of music, and led by the choir and a variety of preachers. Holy Communion is part of our service. (From Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend, our service shifts to 10am.)



### Our Vision Goals

#### Opening our Life Together

- Cultivate deep roots in our neighborhood and UMN community, actively making our walls porous.
- Embrace all persons throughout their life journey.
- Fuel authentic worship and deepen spirituality.

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Welcome to ULCH

# UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HOPE

Complex world. Thoughtful church.



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered in God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world.

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[www.ulch.org](http://www.ulch.org)

# We bring hope to the world through our...

## Worship

We celebrate our Christian heritage through liturgy, challenging preaching and vibrant music reflecting many traditions.

## Community

We are an urban spiritual center in a changing neighborhood, opening our facilities and ministry to groups and individuals outside of the congregation.

## Relationships

We are a diverse community empowered by the love of Christ to care for and support one another as we grow in faith.

## Learning

We are thoughtful believers dedicated to faith formation and inquiry, expanding our understanding of how God is at work in our lives.

## Service

We commit ourselves to Christ's command to love our neighbors, both near and far, through service to others.



# We are glad to worship with you.

Please, know that you are welcome in worship, and come again. If you are new to this community and would like to be known, please sign the blue visitor card in the pew rack and give it to an usher or pastor. Our weekly communication (an e-news called the Thursday Epistle) includes many activities and you are welcome to participate in education, service, justice work, fellowship, and more. If you'd like to speak with one of our pastors, seek prayer, or are curious about involvement, please contact the church office at the number on the back of this brochure, or talk with someone after worship.

## Worship Bulletin

All the information you need to follow the service is included in the printed bulletin. Hymn tunes are from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book.

## Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated at every Sunday service. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table. Jesus Christ is present in this meal with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Children are welcome to commune as well, or may come forward for a blessing. During this time of COVID, we're adjusting how we share Communion to take greater care. Follow the directions of the presiding minister and the ushers. Know that we will always offer a gluten-free option for the bread, as well as both wine and grape juice. If you prefer, simply come forward for a blessing. All are welcome at Christ's table.

## Want more information?

If you have questions, speak with a pastor or one of the ushers. Please visit [www.ulch.org](http://www.ulch.org) for up to date program information, the calendar, and staff contacts.



## Fellowship

During this season of COVID we savor fellowship whenever and wherever we can! We're taking care and keeping things simple, but we gather outdoors (courtyard and patio), and in the lounge.

## Sanctuary

Because the Gospel calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, University Lutheran Church of Hope declares our partnership with immigrants and others to resist unjust immigration policies and to offer our building as a holy sanctuary.

## Reconciling in Christ

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions into the life and leadership of our congregation.

## Accessible restrooms and diaper changing tables

Women's and men's accessible restrooms are located on both levels of the education wing along the west side of the building. An elevator at the parking lot entrance will take you to either the upper or lower level. Changing tables are located in the gender neutral restrooms near Fellowship Hall on the lower level, in the women's restroom on the upper level, and in the nursery on the upper level. Another gender neutral restroom is by the lounge.