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## CALENDAR

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### Sunday, April 29

- ◆ Youth Quest at Buena Vista
- ◆ 9:30AM: Sunday School for children through adults (Education Rooms)
- ◆ 10:15-10:45 AM: Choristers
- ◆ 6:00PM: Sunday Night Ticket AA (East Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, April 30

- ◆ 10:30AM: Gentle Yoga with Kate (Bryans Room)
- ◆ 11:00 AM: Retired Clergy (East Parlor)
- ◆ 12:00PM: Chair Yoga (The Evanston Center)
- ◆ 6:00PM: Meditation Mindfulness (The Evanston Center)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Group 13 AA (East Parlor)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Stepping Stones Al-Anon (Osborne Parlor)

### Tuesday, May 1

- ◆ 10:00AM: Men's Fellowship (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 12:30PM: Centering Prayer (The Evanston Center)
- ◆ 4:00PM: A Child's Song (Music Room)
- ◆ 5:00PM: Kindermusik (East Parlor)
- ◆ 7:00PM: Troop 5 (Noakes Hall, B03)
- ◆ 7:00PM: BMCM Meditation (East Parlor)

### Wednesday, May 2

- ◆ 12:30PM: Peeping the Sermon Bible Study (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 7:00 PM: Spiritual Life Committee (Osborne Parlor)
- ◆ 8:00PM: Forgiveness Al-Anon (East Parlor)

### Thursday, May 3

- ◆ National Day of Prayer
- ◆ 12:00 PM: World Café (East Fellowship Hall)
- ◆ 7:00PM: Sangha Meditation (East Parlor)
- ◆ 7:15PM: Choir Rehearsal- All are welcome! (Choir Room)

### Friday, May 4

- ◆ May Friendship Day
- ◆ 12:00PM: PB & J Ministry (Civic Center Park)

### Saturday, May 5

- ◆ 7:45AM: FA in Recovery (East Parlor)

### Sunday, May 6

- ◆ 9:30AM: Sunday School for children through adults (Education Rooms)
- ◆ 10:15-10:45 AM: Choristers
- ◆ 6:00PM: Sunday Night Ticket AA (East Fellowship Hall)

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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8:30AM in Wasser Chapel

11:00AM in the Main Sanctuary

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**Adult Special Needs Sunday School** meets in the Journeys in Faith classroom in the lower level of the Christian Education wing. Contact Hope Law, class teacher, for more information.

**Journeys in Faith** meets in Bryans Room. Come join us for lively biblical discussions surrounding current issues and events. The facilitators will be Les Law and Richard Nelson.

- ◆ April 29: Debunking The Rapture
- ◆ May 6: Honoring Creation

**Cornerstone II** meets in the Cornerstone II room at the bottom of the ramp from the glass doors. This group studies various topics depending on decisions made during discussions. The class is facilitated by Jeremy and Amy Long.

- ◆ April 29: Adam Hamilton's Moses in the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet - His Birth
- ◆ May 6: Two Moments That Defined the Man

**Children's Sunday School** meets on the third floor starting out in the music and movement room.  
Theme: *Paul*

**Middle School Sunday School** meets in B03 with Larry Roggensack.

**High School Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge and will study various subjects of interest to the youth. Brittaney Nelson and Nick Shade will lead this group.

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## ABOUT US

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# UNIVERSITY PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Love U<sup>2</sup>

Love. Uncensored + Love Unconditional = Beloved Community

5th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

11:00 AM

Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Valerie L. Jackson

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 29, 2018

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Andante *Joseph Hector Fiocco*

WELCOME H.O.M.E. Rev. Dr. Valerie Jackson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Fletcher

One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

One: If we abide in Christ, then Christ words will abide in us.

**All: We come because we strive to be faithful followers of Christ.**

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of our God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.**

~ Written by: Joanna Harader (2011)

\*HYMN 529 How Firm A Foundation *Foundation*

HONORING OUR VISITORS Rahdearra Paris Woods  
BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

## HEARING THE WORD

### CHORAL INTROIT

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15: 1-8 Pat Fletcher

Reader: May God bless the hearing and understanding of these words.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### CHORAL SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

ANTHEM: Peace Like a River Based on American Spiritual  
*Arr. Donald Moore*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Duane Buys

*[As the children leave, let us join in singing]*

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,**

**All the shades from dark to light, they are precious in his sight.**

**Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

TFWS 2076 O Blessed Spring *Gift of Love*

HOMILY: Jeopardy: What is Transformation? Rev. Jackson

SILENT PRAYER CHORAL PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER  
LORD'S PRAYER #895

## OFFERING

*We give in gratitude for the blessings of our life and for making a better world.*

## CHORAL OFFERTORY PREFACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Diana Helper

Leader: O Holy One, we pray for the commitment to grow together,  
sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world.  
May we do no harm. May we do good in all things and in every place  
we go: to nurture our relationship with you;

**People: to care for every part of your creation; to foster justice and to be in solidarity with those in need; to work for peace and end of violence. We open our hearts to you and your creation in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.**

OFFERTORY: For The Beauty of The Earth Conrad Kocher  
*Arr. Donald Moore*

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY HYMN 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN 529 Stand Up and Bless The Lord *St. Michael*

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Jackson

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Allegro In B Minor Op. 2, No. 1. Antonio Vivaldi

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Ron & Debbie Justiss, Hugh Alexander, Joann Beielier,  
Rodney Brown,  
Greeters: Terry & Mary Erculiani, Nancy & Larry Fagan

*\*Sanctuary followers are contributed by: Kelsey Forsyth  
"In loving memory of my parents, John and Dorothy Penko"*

## GET INVOLVED

For a complete list of events and committee meetings, please visit us at [uparkumc.org](http://uparkumc.org).

### All Church Camp

May 25-27

Welcome! At UPUMC, we are learning what it means to be a church that dwells in unconditional and uncensored love. What an amazing opportunity we have to retreat to Camp Buckhorn and reflect upon what it all means for us as a church community. It will also be a time to enjoy being together in the midst of God's amazing natural creation. All are welcome! You can visit the camp's website at: <http://www.buckhorncampe.org>. Registration deadline is: May 14th. You can contact Amy Long: [amywlong@gmail.com](mailto:amywlong@gmail.com) to register or for any questions.

## Youth Quest

April 27-29

Four of our middle school youth will be concluding their Youth Quest today. Please keep them and Larry Roggensack in your prayers.

## Trustees Needs

The work day before Easter was very successful with 23 people attending and helping. 23 people spent approximately 4 hours doing great work outside, in the sanctuary, and around the entrance areas. But now we need specific help. We need a tile setter, a locksmith, and a painter at the Evanston Center. The work will only require a couple of hours at most. If you can help, or if you have a neighbor or relative that can help, please contact Les Law, 303 642 3693, or Larry Fagan, 303 697 4569, or see us at church. (If someone has the means to help out with acquiring new window air conditioning units for a few offices that will be greatly appreciated.)

## May Friendship Day

May 4 @ 10 AM

Join Grant Community Church (216 S. Grant St.) for a potluck and Fellowship of the Least Coin. Hosted by the Southwest South Suburban Church Woman United.

## Centering Prayer

May 1

The Centering Prayer group will continue to meet at the Evanston Center on Tuesdays at 12:30. The group meets for half an hour. If you are interested in centering prayer and would like more information, please contact Bethany Hader at [bhader@uparkumc.org](mailto:bhader@uparkumc.org). We have future plans for a book study and retreat further educate on this method of prayer.

## Join The Movement: NAMI Walk

May 19

Hello UPark! There has been a team page set-up for this year's NAMI walk. Please consider walking and/or donating this year! Feel free to invite your family and friends along, as well. Contact Liz Beindorff at: [lizbeindorff@gmail.com](mailto:lizbeindorff@gmail.com) with any question or for more information. You can also visit this website: <https://www.namiwalks.org/team/22593> to sign up and/or donate.

## Building an Inclusive Church

May 12 9 AM - 5 PM

In the spirit of radical hospitality and biblical obedience, we invite you to participate in this workshop at Park Hill UMC (5209 Montview Blvd. Denver, CO 80207) to learn the basics of building an inclusive community and meet the leaders of the Reconciling Movement in your district. This is a free event.

## Mother's Day Celebration

May 7 @ 7:30 PM

In celebration of Mother's Day, we invite you to help a fellow faith community, John Collins United Methodist Church - Denver, raise monies for a youth and children's ministry in and around their community. Concert will be held at: Spirit of Hope UMC. For your convenience, we have tickets available here at UPark. Please see a staff member or contact the administrative assistant office Monday - Thursday.