

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020

Ministry Guide

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE





I'm sure you have thought, said, or heard something similar many times by now, but let me just reiterate, "What a year!"

2020 has been full of unprecedented experiences. Dichotomies of sickness and health, grief and celebration, failures and progress, division and unity. It has been exceptional in so many ways. Sometimes I have found myself wanting to understand why all of this is happening, to somehow grasp back whatever control I never really had, and then I am humbled:

"My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore" (Psalm 131:1-3).

"[UALC], put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore!" It brings me great peace to remember that in the midst of this uncertainty we also celebrate the great hope that remains certain in our Lord, both now and forevermore.

And so, my prayer in this moment is for you to engage the following guide with great anticipation and excitement! As you explore the incredible list of ways to engage in worship, spiritual growth, and service over the next several months. We remain steadfast in our love of God, and our love of one another, and we celebrate with great victory our hope that is in the Lord, both now and forevermore.

Grace and Peace,
Jack McClintock
Director of Communications

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We gather in-person and online to worship God and encourage one another in the faith. We hear from God's Word and participate in the sacraments of communion and baptism.

Updates: ualc.org/worship | Worship Online: ualc.org/worshiponline

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Registration required **R** for inside, in-person services.
Register at ualc.org/worship. Find online worship at ualc.org/worshiponline.

TRADITIONAL LYTHAM ROAD

November 15-December 20

9:00 am, 11:00 am

Sundays in-person **R**

(Except Dec. 6, "Advent at UALC"

9:00 am online only)

9:00 am Live online

11:00 am Video on-demand

November 25 -

Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Thursday in-person **R**

December 27

9:00 am Sunday online only

MODERN MILL RUN

November 15

10:00 am Sunday online only

November 22-December 20

10:00 am

Sundays in-person **R**

and online

(Except Dec. 6, "Advent at UALC"

10:00 am online only)

December 27

10:00 am Sunday online only

Kids' Church in a Box

ualc.org/kidschurch **R**

A resource for families with kids age 3 years through 5th grade.

Register to get an age-specific box made for your family. Boxes can be picked up on the first Sunday of the month at MR.

Pick Up 1st Sunday of the Month

11:00am-12:30pm

MR

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org

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Advent at UALC | 2020

HOPE FOR EXILES SERIES

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 20

Hope for exiles is found in Jesus. This might not sound profound, but we will find that it is. When the people of God in the Old Testament faced exile they looked forward to the coming of Jesus. When the early Christians in the New Testament faced persecution for their faith, they looked to the second coming of Jesus. Whenever people in the Scriptures face isolation, suffering and a chaotic world, they turn their focus to a Savior.

During this series we will draw out themes that help us understand what it means to experience exile. We will search how God works in the midst of exile and we will unpack and celebrate the ways that Jesus offers us true hope in exile.

NOVEMBER 29

ADVENT WEEK ONE:

His Kingdom Will
Never End
Daniel 6:19-27

DECEMBER 6

ADVENT WEEK TWO:

Hope for the Nations
Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

DECEMBER 13

ADVENT WEEK THREE

The Spirit of the Lord
is Upon Me
Isaiah 61:1-11

DECEMBER 20

ADVENT WEEK FOUR

Jesus' Birth Announced
Luke 1:26-45

ADVENT SPECIAL SERVICE

December 6 | Advent at UALC

ualc.org/worshiponline

Join us for the music of the season and the message of hope.

Sun 9am, 10am Online Only

CHRISTMAS AT UALC

December 23-December 25 | Christmas Worship Online

ualc.org/worshiponline

This will be our primary Christmas service this year, available as a full modular, online experience, centered on the wonder of Jesus' birth. This worship will include content for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It will be available online beginning December 23.

W-Fr Individual and family worship at home. Available all day.

December 24 | Lessons and Carols | Lytham Road Campus

ualc.org/worship **R**

Come hear familiar carols of the season as the Good News of the Christmas story is proclaimed. Registration required. (No congregational singing.)

Th 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 8pm, 10pm In-person LR Sanctuary

December 24 | Lessons and Carols | Mill Run Campus

ualc.org/worship **R**

Come sing familiar carols of the season as the Good News of the Christmas story is proclaimed. Dress for the weather. Registration required.

Th 4pm, 6pm In-person MR Lawn

DAILY WORSHIP

Our daily pursuit to grow in relationship with God typically looks like daily Bible readings and prayer. However, it can also include disciplines like fasting, confessing, journaling, simplicity, solitude, and stewarding talents and resources.

Daily Worship

ualc.org/dailyworship or the UALC App

Daily Bible readings and resources for your time with God.

DEPOLARIZED: THE GOSPEL AND POLITICS

A message from Pastor Steve:

The political climate of our nation is growing angrier and more divided, and it can be hard for Christians to know how to respond. It would be easy for us to ignore this. But for the sake of the Kingdom, we have to talk about it. And I think there's real hope and power for Christians to rise above the hostility of the culture. I'd like to offer you two resources to help us grow as followers of Jesus in turbulent times:

- **Please join our church family in prayer.** In our Sunday worship and our Daily Worship resources, we've begun including prayers for healing the divisive polarization in our society, including prayers for racial reconciliation and justice. These are not prayers of the political right or left. These are prayers of the church of Jesus Christ, written by members of our pastoral staff. You can find some of them at ualc.org/prayer.
- **I think the Gospel of Jesus equips Christians to engage** across political differences with less arrogance and more humility, less villainization and more collaboration, less fear and more hope.

Remember, no matter what happens at the ballot box this November, Jesus is Lord – yesterday, today, and forever. He has been in the business of saving people and building His church in every nation on earth for thousands of years.



Teaching Resources:

ualc.org/depolarized

Additional video teachings, podcasts, prayer guide and more available on the website.

Night of Teaching and Prayer

ualc.org/depolarized

Teaching and prayer—depolarizing conversation around Gospel and politics with Pastor Steve. Bring a chair and your mask. Teaching will be recorded and shared online.

Fr 10/2 6pm Outside at MR

[G R O W]

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups - For all ages and stages

ualc.org/smallgroups

A small band of brothers and sisters in Christ where you can know and be known, love and be loved, care and be cared for, and grow in Christ together. Small groups meet 3-4 times/month all across town. Some in-person and some online. New groups are forming all the time.



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MR Director: Peggy Bronson, pbronson@ualc.org

GROWTH WORKSHOPS

Growth workshops propel us forward. Covering a wide-range of topics, they meet us right where we need to mature and prepare us for what's next in life. Families, individuals and sometimes whole small groups participate in workshops from time to time to carve out space for phase specific growth and faith conversations that may not happen otherwise.



Finding God in Your Workplace

ualc.org/growth [®]

Learn how your workplace can be a place to follow Jesus' call to love God, others and be part of His mission. Offered online or facilitated in small groups.

Tu 10/6-20 7-8pm Online

Contact: Jeff Morlock, jmorlock@ualc.org

GROWTH WORKSHOPS

Caring for Your Marriage During Covid

ualc.org/growth 

The uncertainty and change in routine of these past months has stressed even the best relationships. Discover biblical principles and foundational tools to improve the health and happiness of your life together. Offered online or facilitated in small groups.

11/5-19 Th 7-8:15pm Online

Contact: Jeff Molock, jmorlock@ualc.org

Alpha[®]

ualc.org/growth 

Eight-session workshop for anyone who wants to explore the meaning of life, contemplate Jesus for the first time, or enhance their faith.

9/28-11/16 M 6:30-8:30pm Online

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

ualc.org/growth 

Identify your spiritual gifts, your personal style, and your passions. Serving God with your gifts can be life-changing. Offered online or facilitated in small groups.

10/7-28 W 6:30-8pm \$10 Online

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

Following Jesus After Isolation

ualc.org/growth 

Find your “new normal” with this two-session workshop that digs into what Jesus is leading you from and what He is leading you toward. We’ll discuss rhythms of life that keep God at the center as culture re-opens. Offered for small groups.

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

Family Serve

ualc.org/growth **R**

For small groups, individuals, and families with kids of all ages at the UALC Community Garden. Learn about putting faith into action, then work in the garden. (Also available by appointment.)



10/8 Th 3:45-4:45pm MR

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org

First Communion Workshop (5th grade and older)

ualc.org/growth **R**

Hear and learn how Jesus comes to us and gives us Himself through communion and baptism. At the end of the workshop, kids have an opportunity to be baptized if needed, and start taking communion regularly. Workshop is for students and parents.

10/7-21 W 7-8pm Online

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org

Baptism Workshop

ualc.org/growth **R**

For those interested in being baptized or baptizing their children. Adults, teens, and children of any age are welcome.

Second Saturday/month 1-2pm Online (or by appointment)

Contact: David White, dwhite@ualc.org

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kids' Church in a Box

ualc.org/kidschurch 

See page 2 for details.

Contact: Andrea Taphorn, ataphorn@ualc.org

Awana®

ualc.org/awana 

Children age 3 through 6th grade build lasting faith foundations through Bible memorization and fun activities.

9/23-5/21 W 6:30-7:30pm MR \$30

Contact: Kristen Henry, awana@ualc.org

Middle School Ministry (MSM) Group

ualc.org/middleschool 

Students experience God through fellowship, games, worship and small group time. It's a safe, fun place to experience God and ask questions.

Weekly Su 4:30-6pm Offsite and MR

Contact: Kelsey Bacon, kbacon@ualc.org

High School Ministry (HSM) Group

ualc.org/highschool 

Join other teens in discipling community, where we check in on each other, worship, eat snacks, study the Bible, pray, and serve others together.

Weekly Su 4-6pm
Offsite and Monthly at MR/LR

Contact: Dan Kidd, dkidd@ualc.org



SERVE AND OTHER RESOURCES

Learning Extension Center (LEC)

ualc.org/lec

We are partnering with Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries and hosting an LEC at MR. It is a safe environment for students to have access to the internet and learning devices to assist them in remote learning. Volunteers needed in many areas.

Contact: info@son-ministries.org

Season for Giving

ualc.org/SeasonForGiving

It might seem early to be thinking about Christmas, but many UALC mission partners are hard at work planning for needed services during the holiday season. Ways to engage with our mission partners this season will be available in late October.

Contact: Dave Mann, dmann@ualc.org

UALC Podcast

ualc.org/podcast

Listen in to conversations as we reflect and provide pragmatic practices around everyday life with Jesus and our community.

Contact: podcasts@ualc.org

Prayer

ualc.org/prayer

Need prayer or want to pray for others? Reach out and share your requests on the website and our prayer ministers begin praying on your behalf.

Contact: Becki Bork, bbork@ualc.org



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[Facebook.com/UAlutheran](https://www.facebook.com/UAlutheran)

Stay connected to the church, and join one of our Community Groups.

Mill Run Community Group: [Facebook.com/groups/millruncommunity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/millruncommunity)
Lytham Road Community Group: [Facebook.com/groups/lythamcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/lythamcommunity)



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