What to Expect for First Time Visitors

How long does the service last?

Our Sunday service starts at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately one hour. It is a good idea to arrive by about 9:45 a.m. the first time you visit us so that our Greeters can say hello, give you a nametag and get you acquainted with our facilities.

What can I expect during the service?

A typical service includes lighting our chalice, sharing of joys and sorrows, readings, hymns, and a message/sermon. Most Sundays, the message is given by our full-time minister. However, in the summer, the messages are given by lay members of our congregation or guest speakers and our choir takes a break. Services are different every week, so we encourage you to visit us a few times to get a good sense of the Sunday experience at UUMAN. You can also watch prior services on our YouTube channel.

What can I expect after the service?

After the service, most people stay for **Coffee Fellowship**, which is a good opportunity for meeting and getting to know other people. Greeters will also be around to introduce you to others and answer any questions you may have. After coffee, we offer several **Second Hour Adult Enrichment** classes from 11:15-noon. These are led by members of our congregation, vary each week, and range from spiritual to informational to social; descriptions are on the Events tab of our website. Many people meet for **Lunch Ministry** at a local restaurant after Second Hour; the location is posted in our lobby each Sunday. You are most welcome to join us for any class and/or lunch.

What do children do during the service?

<u>During the school year</u>, children and youth (ages 4 and up) participate in the first part of the service, including a Time for All Ages story. They then transition to Kids Community, for a variety of engaging activities such as storytelling, cooperative games, arts and crafts, nature-based learning, and social justice projects. <u>During the summer months</u>, children and youth meet in Fellowship Hall during the service for a full hour of Kids Community.

Children are also welcome to stay with their parents through the entire service if desired. Parents are welcome to stay with their children during Kids Community or any children's activity.

Please see the Children and Youth section of our website for more information.

Do you have nursery care?

Our nursery provides a safe and nurturing environment for our youngest attendees. Available during the first hour of service, the nursery welcomes children ages 0-4 years. Parents can drop off their little ones before the service begins, allowing them to participate fully in worship while knowing their children are well cared for. Parents are welcome to stay with their children in the nursery.

We currently do not have nursery care available during the Summer; parents are welcome to stay with their children in the nursery and watch the Livestream of our service.

Do you have a choir?

Yes. The UUMAN Chalice Choir is led by our Music Director, who is also the pianist during Sunday services. The Choir's repertoire spans many genres and is an integral part of our Service on most Sundays, August through May. All are welcome to join us in our community of fun, merriment and music making.

What should I wear?

Attire varies, but most people dress casually.

Is there parking?

There are several parking spaces reserved for Visitors in front of our Sanctuary. There is also ample parking along the side and back of our building.