



Exiled

LIVING IN GOD'S ALIEN NATION

Sept. 11, 2016

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

WORSHIP

2 *We Praise Thee, O God*

Welcome/Family News Jason Craddock
Prayer for Our Church and World

753 *Farther Along*

662 *All to Jesus / Surrender*

Communion James Scudder
Scripture: John 6:53-58

Bread

My Only Hope is You

Cup

768 *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

Offering

You Are the Song That I Sing

Kids Corner

Chips Off the Old Rock Brent Isbell

Where Could I Go But to the Lord?

He is Wonderful

Worship Leader Steven Moore

If you would like to pray with someone today, you are invited in Room 101 at the close of our service to pray with some of our elders.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Good morning! Welcome to University Church! If you are visiting with us today, we are happy you joined us for worship. We hope you will experience a warm and friendly UCC welcome. Please do us an easy favor by finding and filling out one of the guest registry cards (white cards found on the seat backs). Then simply drop your completed card into the offering plate when it's passed later in the service. We invite you to come back again at any time. If you are searching for a church home, take opportunity to ask questions and learn more about us. We would be thrilled to welcome you into the UCC family!

Exiled. This fall, we are sharing a Sunday sermon series called *Exiled: Living in God's Alien Nation*, working our way through **First Peter** as a resource. This week, we are in the first verses of chapter two, thinking about the real-world implications of following and imitating Jesus. Maybe when you were a kid someone said you closely resembled one of your parents or suggested you looked or acted "like a chip off the old block." Peter tells his readers that he sees in them a close resemblance to Jesus—the one who suffered and died; the stone turned down by the builders. So, if we suffer... are rejected by others... find ourselves misunderstood or persecuted... then maybe we too are just claiming our true identity in Christ? Our message this morning is **Chips Off the Old Rock** (2:1-8). Our worship leader is **Steven Moore**.

Okay girls and boys, **Jennifer Welch** and I want to see all of you down front this morning when it's time for **Kids Corner!**

The Kingdom and the Powers: Politics and the People of God. This week, we will conclude our **Wednesday night series** in the Family Room at 7 p.m. **Mac Ice** has spent the last month focusing on the fascinating—and in some respects little-known—relationship between politics and Restoration history. Come join us for this last session. The following week, there will be no Wednesday classes or UCC activities on **September 21** due to the closing night of ACU Summit.

Finally, a special day is coming! In two weeks, on September 25, we will host some special Sunday guests. At 9 a.m., we will have a combined adult class in the auditorium taught by **Tony Fernandez** from Cuba. Afterward, **Igor Egirev** from Russia will preach in our 10 a.m. worship. Both these UCC mission partners are great men with great stories to tell us about what God is doing in their home countries. Don't miss this big day!

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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NURSERY FACILITIES

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Worship - **453**
Bilingual - **N/A**
Coronado - **83**

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Northern Oaks - **14**
Chisholm Place - **15**
Silver Springs - **N/A**

OFFERING:

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