

FAQs for Visitors

We hope the following information will make you feel comfortable attending a service or other activity soon.

Q: Where are you located? Where do I park? Where do I go when I get to church?

A: We are located at the corner of N. Tejon and Dale Streets, two blocks south of Colorado College. There is a small parking lot behind the church, street parking, and parking in the lots behind nearby businesses on Sunday mornings. The front door to the church is on Tejon St and the back entrance is accessible from the lot behind the church. When you enter, look for the visitors table in the "small hall" adjacent to the sanctuary.

Q: What are your services like?

A: Services are held at 10:30 each Sunday throughout the year. The format is fairly traditional, beginning with music, followed by the lighting of the chalice, readings, singing, meditation, and sermon. We frequently have guest speakers and musicians and you will find that no two Sunday morning services are alike! We gather for coffee and conversation after service in the adjacent small hall.

Q: Will you take up a collection?

A: An offering is part of our service. Paper money and checks placed in the offering baskets go into the church's budget. If we know who the money has come from, we apply it to the person's pledge account. You may place a contribution in the basket if you wish, but are not expected to. We share the non-pledge cash offering each Sunday 50/50 with a local charity, chosen for the entire month. This has been a very successful program, with donations totaling hundreds of dollars a month.

Q: What do people wear to church?

A: Some people wear dressy casual clothes to church, others their cycling or hiking clothes (in Colorado Springs we are in competition with the outdoors). Wear whatever is comfortable for you.

Q: Can I bring my kids?

A: Of course, children are welcome! Religious education for both youth and children is an important part of our mission. Babies and toddlers have professional caregivers, and teams of volunteers lead older children's programs. You'll find what you need at the R.E. table in the Small Hall on Sundays. Most Sundays children begin upstairs in the sanctuary and then leave with their classes at the designated time. When children are upstairs we have a special Story for All Ages included in the service.

Q: Is anyone going to pressure me?

A: Other than inviting you to return many times, absolutely not! Some newcomers jump right in after a few visits, while others admit to being shy about getting attention. If you choose to explore, ask for information at the Visitors Table in the Small Hall and pick up a tri-fold brochure especially for newcomers. You will be asked to voluntarily fill out a guest registration if you wish and invited to a Welcome Circle on the second Sunday of the month, but you are under no obligation. There are a variety of newcomer activities available if you are interested.

Q: Is it true you're okay with gays and lesbians?

A: We have committed ourselves to be actively welcoming to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered folks. That has earned us a Welcoming Congregation designation from UUA. Congregants within this community feel well-integrated, but we do have a local chapter of Interweave, an affiliate organization of the UUA working to end oppression based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Q: Is your building handicapped accessible?

A: The upstairs, including the Small Hall and the Sanctuary, is handicapped accessible, but the downstairs, at the present time, is not.