

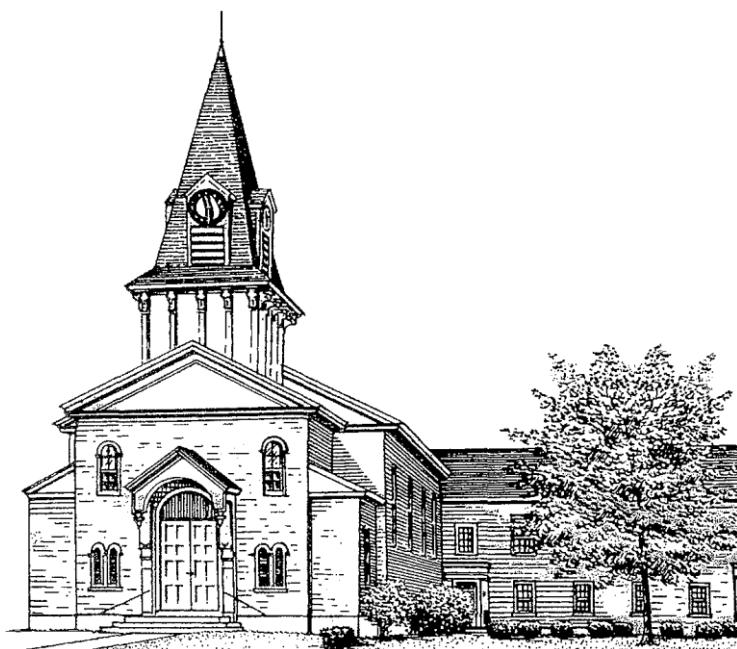
# Church of Christ, Congregational

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

### Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community  
by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word.  
Following Christ's example,  
we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love  
so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



**February 22, 2026**

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***Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love***



**Sunday February 22, 2026 at 10:00am**

\*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

**Prelude *Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

by Croly & Atkinson

**Welcome/ Announcements**

**Gathering Music *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley***

**\*Call To Worship**

One: When we are afraid of the wilderness,

**All: God's love is courageous.**

One: When we feel destructive ways banging on the door of our hearts,

**All: God protects us, shouting "Away!"**

One: When sorrow threatens to pull us under,

**All: God encircles us with Holy Presence.**

One: Let us worship God who does not leave us stranded,

**All: but joins us as Companion, Compass, and Hope.**

**\*Opening Prayer (together)**

**Holy Spirit, be with us in our wandering; meet us here in the wilderness of our lives. Guide our steps when we are weary, nourish our spirits when we hunger, hold us fast when we feel uncertain. When temptations and trials emerge, help us listen for your wisdom and move with courage toward your hope. Give us strength to resist the easy path and ground us deeply in your presence and love. Teach us to breathe with you, to turn with you, and to trust the new way you open before us. Walk alongside us as we learn, as we stumble, as we rise again drawing us together as your people, ready to go where you call. Amen.**

**\*Hymn B-211 Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days**

## **A Time For Children Of All Ages**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11**

### **Sermon Walking in the Wilderness with Faith and Integrity**

### **\*Hymn B-497 Guide My Feet**

### **The Church at Prayer**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Our Personal Prayers in Silence**

**Lord's Prayer** (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Prayer Response Twofold Amen**

## **A Time of Offering**

### **Invitation to Give**

### **Offertory Anthem Wade In The Water**

Guest soloist Arsh Tyagi

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (together)**

**Gracious God, you provide for us abundantly, reminding us through Christ's example that true life is found not in material things, but in every word that comes from You. As Jesus resisted the tempter's lies, so too do we offer these gifts with grateful hearts, trusting in your endless goodness. We dedicate our offering to your holy work, shaped by your sacred stories, and empowered by your living Word. Strengthen our resolve to resist empty promises and to follow the path of integrity, gratitude, and faithfulness. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn B-460 *Be Not Dismayed***

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude *Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us***

by Thrupp & Bradbury

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Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?  
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the  
prayer chain at [mejensen7@verizon.net](mailto:mejensen7@verizon.net)**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)**

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

#### **Pastoral Emergencies**

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone  
Call or text (774)-993-9407

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, February 22**

10:00 am ~ Worship  
11:00am ~ Refreshments  
11:15 am~ Book Club

### **Monday, February 23**

#### **M& M's**

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor

### **Sunday, March 1**

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion  
11:00 am ~ Refreshments

