

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.



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

Sunday November 2, 2025 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Morning Prayer*

Tchaikovsky

Welcome/ Announcements

Gathering Music *No Other Name*

***Call To Worship**

One: From the highest branches to the deepest roots, God calls us into community.

All: Like a persistent vine, God's grace seeks and finds us exactly where we are.

One: Awakened by a love as steady as the sunrise, we are freed from all that tangles us.

All: God liberates us from the lonely shadows to live with joy and purpose.

One: Like a sycamore tree offering a new perspective, God reveals possibilities for healing and wholeness.

All: We rejoice! For we who were lost have been found, and all things are being made new.

***Opening Prayer** (together)

Gracious God, your expansive love challenges us to examine the inner landscapes of our lives and hearts. As we search within, may your light, as brilliant as the morning sun, illuminate the tangled undergrowth that binds us. Like a steady river, guide us toward the open sea of freedom. Be with us as we forge new paths of transformation and peace through the wilderness of our world. Amen.

***Hymn B#588** *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

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 Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Branching Out

**Hymn B#397 Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

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 *Seekers of Your Heart*

A Time of Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul*

arr. Tom Fetke

***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)

Cosmic Creator, you designed life's intricate ecosystems, ensuring each of us has unique capacities, roles, and opportunities to give and receive. With the

resources entrusted to us, we ask for courage in our shared purpose. Help us to deepen our care for one another and strengthen our bonds of interdependence, so no one struggles alone. Receive our offerings and make it so. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion See Insert

***Hymn R#481** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Love Lifted Me*

arr. Patti Drennan

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**



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

Sacrament of Communion
Adapted from the enfleshed liturgy library

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

All: Our hearts are open to God.

One: Let us give thanks and praise to the Holy One.

All: We give you thanks, O God!

Indeed, we give you thanks, O God, for you keep showing up to meet us at this table. Created in your image, you made us different from one another and yet we are also one. Still, we fight tooth and nail to keep your table from hosting the fullness of your body. Though we long to practice love, evil still has its way in us and our communities. We struggle to confront the unjust powers and prejudices that keep us from being in full relationship with you and one another.

In Jesus, you showed us an alternative way. Jesus, who practiced counter-cultural socializing, was friends with the despised ones of his time: Sex-workers. The ill. Bleeding women. Tax Collectors. The poor. Jesus found companionship in the ones deemed sinners or unclean by religious leaders. He modeled for us what it looks like to practice love, not only interpersonally, but by confronting political and religious powers that destroy.

Because of his relentless pursuit of love, he was seized by those in power. On the night he would be arrested, he gathered with his companions for a meal.

He took break, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of Christ with us, and with the hope that we too might pursue love so relentlessly, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make this a meal that nourishes us on this long journey we share together, that by your Spirit we might seize every opportunity before us to advance love, justice, and compassion in the face of evil in all its forms. For the sake of all that aches in this world, our church, and within every creature and creation, we come to your Table, hungry for a taste of your Kin-dom.

All are invited to come forward to receive communion.

Communion Music: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

By Garrett Parker

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for this holy meal that nourishes our bodies and souls. You have refreshed us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing, reminding us of your abundance and unwavering grace. As we leave this table, may we carry the spirit of Christ into the world, to be agents of love, justice, and reconciliation. Strengthen us to walk in your ways, to seek your face in every neighbor, and to work tirelessly for the wholeness of all creation. For this gift and for the calling it inspires, we offer our grateful hearts. Amen.