

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.



September 1, 2024

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

Sunday, September 1, 2024 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

Hymns are provided on laminated sheets

Prelude *10,000 Reasons Bless the Lord*

Redman & Myrin

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *Oh the Glory of Your Presence*

***Call To Worship**

One: We are called here today, each of us born earthside in miraculous ways. Borne from the womb of creation, we bring our voices together to celebrate all of God's humanity in one collective spirit.

All: We are each a child of God.

One: We seek to lift up those who are struggling, comfort those who are longing, and create a community that recognizes us each

All: We are each a child of God.

One: Let us share those gifts in joyful abundance in a community of intention.

All: On this day, in this worship service, let us lift our voices high in praise, grateful for the ever-present love of God.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Holy God, who is tender nurturer to all that is, we gather so that you may move us to greater understanding that all people are made in your image. We acknowledge and embrace your shared vision of a world where everyone is valued equally. Bestow upon us joyful tidings of the diversity of your people, as we celebrate your wisdom with gratitude for the chorus our voices raise together. AMEN.

***Hymn** *We Praise You, O God*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading James 2:1-17

Message- Doug Briggs, written by Howard MacMullen
How Important is a Rudder?

Music for reflection

Rebecca Abalutzk

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 *Amen*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Your Grace is Enough* by Matt Maher

***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

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts.

All: We open our hearts to you, O God.

One: Let us give thanks to God, and Abiding Presence

**All: To the One who companions us through all things,
we give thanks and praise.**

One: In awe and gratitude, we join together in praise of you,
Source of Abundance.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy One. God of justice and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder. Blessed
is your presence among us.**

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution & Blessing the Elements

Sharing the Meal

Communion will be served by Intinction

Communion Music *Lamb of God*

By Twilia Paris

Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)

**God of Persistence, though you have been betrayed
many times, you still do not give up on love. Evil is
relentless but so, too, is your belief in us. In our ability to
be transformed. To turn from dominance. To mend and
repair where harm has been done. May we, too, believe
in our potential for co-creating with you a future of
flourishing for all life. We give thanks for this meal, a
reminder of your unending grace and abiding
companionship. AMEN.**

Prayer of Dedication (together)

**All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You
have given us life, and new life in Christ. As You have
given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts
to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived.
AMEN.**

Hymn *God Be With You

***Benediction**

Postlude *There Will Be a Day*

by Jeremy Camp

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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For your convenience, you can now make donations and pay your pledge on-line. Just scan this Giving QR code.



**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

Hybrid Bible Study

***New Topic: *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels**

All are welcome to join us for a Hybrid Bible Study with Pastor James. You may attend in-person in the Parlor or via Zoom. We will gather to read scripture and talk about our faith in today's world.

Meeting ID: 840 7659 0215

Passcode: 096901

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 1

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, September 2 ~ M& M's

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

Wednesday, September 4

3:00-7:00pm Farmer's Market

7:00pm ~ Hybrid Bible Study
in James' Office /Zoom

Sunday, September 8

10:00am ~ Worship Service

11:00am ~ Refreshments



Upcoming Events

September 8 ~ Rally Sunday and Potluck

September 14 ~ Corn Hole Tournament

September 28 ~ Multi-Generational Open Mic Night

October 6 ~ Disability Awareness Sunday

October 27 ~ Trunk or Treat

November 23 ~ Multi-Generational Open Mic Night

December 7 ~ Jolly Holly Christmas Festival



Millis Church of Christ Congregational's
First Annual
**Cornhole
Tournament**

FREE TO ENTER!

September 14th —
Day of Registration @ 10:00AM
Bags Fly @ 11:00AM

Events for kids will be available!

Online Reg Here:




**MULTI-GENERATIONAL
OPEN MIC
NIGHT**

9/28 | 6PM - 8PM
\$5 SUGGESTED
DONATION

Refreshments provided!

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