

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.



October 13, 2024

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

Sunday October 13, 2024 at 10:00am

Coming Out Sunday

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Day By Day* by Todd Kendall

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *Oh Christ, How Shall I Meet You?*

***Call To Worship**

One: Creating God, blessed are You and blessed is this time and place. Thank You for Your people gathered here.

**All: We are here! Being the Church! We have not retreated!
We are standing in praise!**

One: Reconciling Redeemer, You are the mender of our souls and the healer of our broken bodies. You lift us up, strengthen and sustain, nurture and nourish, heal and help.

All: Holy Fire, ignite a new spark in the heart of each one gathered here.

One: Light our way. Warm our bodies. Inspire our tongues to speak a new word, to shout another praise, and to sing an amazing song that will bring to us life and to You glory!

***Opening Prayer (together)**

**Loving God, whom no image can encompass, no definition encircle, and yet who meets us in the gentle touch of love, the beauty of a butterfly's wing, and the laughter of children, help us to move beyond our attempts to limit You, intellectualize You, or to eliminate You from all that is earthy, sensuous, or vibrant, so that we may greet You in every particle of this spectacular universe which You are creating.
AMEN.**

Hymn B#495 *Called As Partners In Christ's Service

Lighting the Flames of Love

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:6-17; John 15:12-13

Sermon Strength in Community

Musical Interlude *Where You Go*

by Shoshana Jedwab

Testimony Sue Conte

***Hymn B#383** *Come Let Us Join With Faithful Souls*

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 *Make Me A Servant*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *I Can Only Imagine* arr. Melody Bober

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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)**

Loving One, bless our gifts. Through the gathering and sharing of our resources, teach us how to rely on each other, how to care for one another, and how to fight for one another's protection and well-being. AMEN

Hymn B#437 *We Shall Not Give Up The Fight



***Benediction**

Postlude: *I'm Coming Out*

Diana Ross

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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<p>Have a prayer request? Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net</p>	

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, October 13th

Coming Out Sunday

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, October 14 ~ M& M's

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

Wednesday, October 16

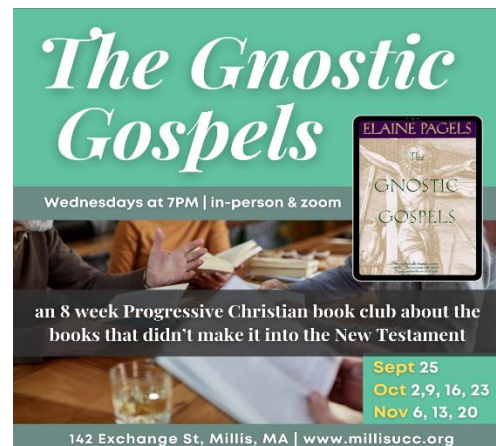
7:00pm Hybrid Bible Study

In the Parlor & on Zoom

Sunday, October 20

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 27 ~ Trunk or Treat 11:30-12:30pm

November 23 ~ Multi-Generational Open Mic Night 6-8pm

December 7 ~ Jolly Holly Christmas Festival 9-2pm

