

# 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.



**May 3, 2026**

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

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:00am**  
**Star Wars Sunday**

\*Indicates standing if you are able  
B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

**Prelude** *Star Wars Main Theme*

by John Williams

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Music:** *Instrumental*

**\*Call To Worship**

One: From the swamps of Dagobah, to the forests of Endor...

**All: The heavens proclaim the handiwork of our Creator!**

One: Today, we gather as those who step into the story of light and hope.

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

One: Like Luke Skywalker, called from an ordinary life to an extraordinary mission, we are invited to take up the call of discipleship,

**All: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.**

One: The Force that sustains us is the Spirit of God,

**All: Who empowers us to be bearers of truth and grace. Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Prayer (together)**

**Eternal Creator, Master of the Force, we gather with gratitude bigger than a Wookiee's hug. Like Tatooine's twin suns, Your love keeps us warm, even when life feels like dodging asteroids. God of galaxies far, far away, help us stay faithful rebels in Your kingdom—avoiding the dark side, spreading light and peace, and maybe fixing a droid or two along the way. Keep us on target, guide us like the**

**Millennium Falcon through hyperspace, and remind us that we are never alone in this adventure. Amen.**

**\*Hymn *The Universe Is Bending***

**A Time for God's Children of All Ages**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the *Force* be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 14:22-33

**Sermon-** Do Or Do Not, There Is No Try

**\*Hymn *Morningstar***

**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 *Instrumental***

**A Time of Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory Anthem *Across the Stars***

by John Williams

**\*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)**

**Loving God, we humbly offer these gifts to You, recognizing You as the Creator of all that is seen and unseen, the true source of hope, light, and infinite possibilities. You are the One who brings order to chaos and breathes life into the void. May these gifts become like fuel for the Rebel ships, propelling the mission of Your Kingdom forward with strength and purpose, bringing peace, justice, and love to all corners of the galaxy. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Communion (see insert)**

**\* Hymn B-567 *Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit***

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude *Cantina Band***

by John Williams

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 May 3**

10:00 am ~ Worship and Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

### **Monday May 4 ~ M & M's**

10:00am-Noon in the Parlor

### **Sunday May 10**

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Refreshments

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Saturday, May 16**

8:00am-1:00pm ~ Community Yard & Trunk Sale

### **Sunday, May 24**

Pentecost Sunday

10:00am ~ Worship

## **Sacrament of Communion**

**Adapted from the enfleshed liturgy library**

### **The Invitation**

**The Holy One be with you**

**And also with you**

**Open your hearts to the One who is Love**

**We open our hearts to you, O God**

**Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love**

**For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks**

**Throughout history, O God, we have struggled to claim the power you have given us. Destructive forces within and around us make us question your call upon our lives. We turn ourselves over, in ways ordinary and remarkable, to what is. To what has been. To the familiar.**

**But you have created us for so much more. In Jesus, we saw a life lived in all its potential. In all its Sacred power. Life that is abundant. Love that was creative, and fervent for justice.**

**We saw, too, the consequences of living as if the Kin-dom were close. And so we wonder. If we live with such courage, what will we lose? In proclaiming truths that confront unjust power, do we stand a chance of survival? How will it go for us, if we are willing to risk everything for love?**

**You have never promised us safety, but you have shown us what is possible. The Spirit brings new life even to places of death. Jesus, knowing the dangers ahead, still did not cave to the threats of power or give in to the temptations of the popular. There was nothing he would trade for his love of the suffering and betrayed, not even his own life.**

**On the night of his arrest, he gathered around table with his companions. His friends. His beloveds in the struggle. Even the one who would turn him over to the cross.**

**He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Take, eat, and remember me."**

**After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying, “This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me.”**

**In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he taught us about ourselves – about the power God has given us. We remember that God enfleshed is Good News that feeds, that protects, that heals, and delivers. We remember the words he spoke: “whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.”**

### **Blessing the Elements**

**And so we pray, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, fill our hearts with courage to believe the Kin-dom is within us, to live boldly in pursuit of love that liberates, and to follow the Wisdom that leads from the margins. Blessed be this meal of hope.**

### **Sharing the Elements**

**Note: At the Church of Christ, Congregational (Millis UCC), we practice open table communion. This is our commitment to extravagant welcome. We believe that everyone, without exception, has a place at Christ’s table. Regardless of your age, race, background, faith journey, sexual orientation, gender identity, or life experiences, you are invited to come forward and share in the bread and juice with us. You don’t need to be a member of this church or any church—you only need to wish to partake. All are welcome here.**

### **Communion Music for Reflection**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**God, we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.**

