

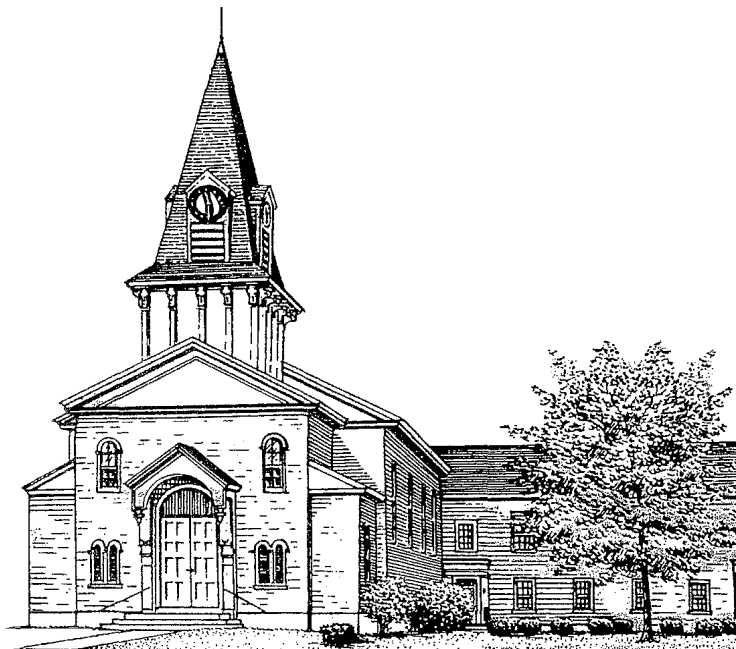
Church of Christ, Congregational *United Church of Christ*

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.



April 26, 2026

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

Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

Prelude *Joy Eternal*

by Garrett Parker

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Music *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

***Call To Worship:**

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so we long for you,
O God.

**All: As the plants turn toward the sun, so we turn to
you, O God.**

One: As the tide ebbs and flows, so we move with you, O God.

**All: Hope in God! Again, we worship the Holy One, our
help and our God.**

One: When tears are our constant companion, when our souls
become weary, when we feel forgotten or alone, we may
ask the question, "Where is God?"

**All: Trust in God! We honor the Present One, our strength
and our God.**

One: The steadfast love of God surrounds us. The Spirit of
Truth leads us to everlasting joy.

All: We praise the Living One, our source and our God.

***Opening Prayer** (together)

God in whom we take refuge, we seek you as the calm in the storm, the path in the wilderness, and the order in the chaos. Renew our strength with a vision of your kingdom made real and expanding before us. Encourage us with a word of possibility and an encounter with your presence. Enliven us as we pray, sing, laugh, cry, witness, listen, ponder, and imagine in your midst and in our own way. We come to you with our full selves knowing you offer us the fullness of your being. May we find hope and challenge, joy and rest, peace and power as we immerse ourselves in you and glorify your name. Amen.

***Hymn** (see insert) *As The Deer*

A Time for God's Children of All Ages

Passing Of The Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Scripture Luke 8:26-39

Sermon From The Tombs

***Hymn B-373** *They Did Not Build In Vain*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Spoken Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Most in our congregation use "B" on page 9 in the black hymnal. Use the words that work best for you).

Prayer Response *In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *The Abundant Life* by Ben Logan

*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

Living Christ, free our spirits of any kernel of revenge and cruelty. Direct us, instead, toward collective repair and right action. When we feel ourselves slipping into apathy and despair, place your hands on either side of our face and gaze upon us with your Connecting Love. Bless our offerings to our hard-earned hope toward everyday resurrection. Amen.

*Hymn R-187 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*Benediction

Postlude *Mighty To Save with Jesus Saves*
arr. Smith & McDonald

Please stay for coffee, snacks, & 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 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

Second Chance Closet

Open closet hours are Saturdays, from 10:00am-Noon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 26

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Refreshments

11:15am ~ Book Club in the Parlor

Monday, April 27

M&M's

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

Saturday, May 2

Electronics Recycling Day

9:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, May 3

Star Wars Sunday

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00 ~ Refreshments