

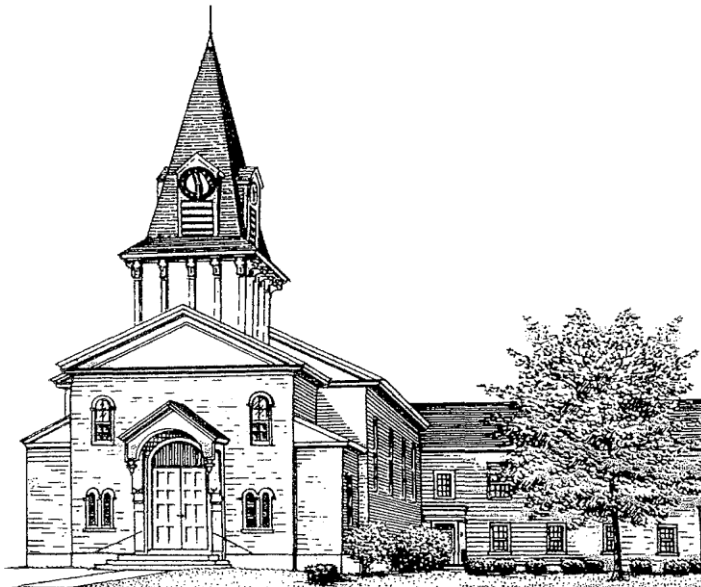
Church of Christ, Congregational

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.



August 23, 2026

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

Sunday August 23, 2026, at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal – R = Red Hymnal

Prelude *My Heart is Ever Faithful*

Welcome / Announcements

Gathering Music *Instrumental*

***Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 124)**

One: Blessed be the Holy One. If it had not been God on our side—the people proclaim!

Many: With God on our side, we find our help in the name of the Holy One!

One: Blessed be the Holy One, who draws us from aimlessness, despair, and bitterness.

Many: With God on our side, we find purpose, hope, and peace.

One: Blessed be the Holy One, who calls us to love one another—neighbors, enemies, family and friends.

Many: With God on our side, we find compassion, grace, and mercy for one another. Blessed be the Holy One!

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Living God, you draw us from the waters that offer both life and death, nourishment and destruction, peace and power. We gather as your people to remember your timely and tangible works. We call upon your many names as we have known you to be Redeemer, Counselor, Shepherd, and Friend. We worship you for who you are, and we draw near to become who you have crafted us to be. Amen.

***Hymn** *B-448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

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: Psalm 139:23-24

Sermon Ask the Pastors!

***Hymn** *Change My Heart O' God*

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

Offertory Anthem *One Sweet Solemn Thought*

***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, thank you for these gifts. Please bless them and use them to help people smile, feel loved, and know they belong. Let them share your love in our church, our neighborhood, and our world. Amen.

***Hymn** *B-400 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Oh Church, Arise*

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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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!

Farmers Market

Tuesdays 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Authentic Italian Night Date Change

Authentic Italian Night has been moved to November 21st at 5:30pm

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone. Call or text (774)-993-9407

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 23

10:00am ~ Worship and "Ask the Pastors"

11:00am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, August 30

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Sunday, September 13

10:00am ~ Welcome Sunday

11:00am ~ Potluck

Sunday, September 27

4:00pm - 6:30pm ~ Fairy Houses in the Garden

Sunday, November 1

10:00am ~ All Saints Worship

11:00am ~ Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 21

5:30pm ~ Authentic Italian Night

Sunday, November 22

10:00am ~ Thanksgiving Sunday w/ Stone Soup

Saturday, December 5

9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Jolly Holly Fair

Thursday, December 24

6:30pm ~ Christmas Eve Service

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

September

Book: *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg

Meeting Date: Sunday, September 27 after worship

October

Book: *God's Monsters* by Esther Hamori

Meeting Date: Sunday, October 18 after worship

November

Book: *We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship and the Community of God* by Kendall Vanderslice

Meeting Date: Sunday, November 15 after worship

December

Book: *Christmaker: A Life of John the Baptist* by James F. McGrath

Meeting Date: Sunday, December 20 after worship



*Love your neighbor.
One Saturday at a time.*

Volunteer at the Second Chance Closet

What we do: Free clothing, shoes & toiletries for neighbors in need.

What you'll do: Sort donations, welcome guests, organize shelves.

Where: 142 Exchange St, Millis, MA

When: Saturdays, 10 AM-12 PM



*Faith looks like showing up for
your community. Will you join us?*

Sign up by filling out the form on our
website or scanning the QR code

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