

# 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 28, 2024**

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

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 10:00am**

\*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

**Prelude** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* by Atkins & Moore

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Music:** *Come to Us*

**\*Call To Worship**

One: All is not lost

**All: It must not be**

One: There are children

**All: There are wildflowers**

One: Love creeps into our lives like vines

**All: rooting into our hearts the way of peace**

One: We are interconnected, branches of the same corner of the universe,

**All: reaching for sunlight, yearning for transformation,**

One: tenderly caring for all that still longs to live. Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Prayer (together)**

**Gracious and Loving God, the gardener of our souls, we gather here as branches intertwined in Your divine vineyard. You are the true vine, and we Your branches, woven together in an intricate network of love and support. May your Spirit empower us to blossom and bear fruit that shines with Your glory ---fruit that acts as a testament to Your boundless love in this world. Where our growth has gone astray, kindly prune us back to our true purpose, guiding us to flourish as the individuals You've envisioned us to be. Guide our worship today, transforming it into a reflection of the abundant love and care. As we gather in unity within the garden of Your realm, we pray in Your holy name. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn B#252** *Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

## **Children's Moment**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Scripture Reading** John 15:1-8

**Sermon** Vine and Dandy: The Ultimate Guide for Not Losing Your Berries

**Music for Meditation** 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** *God is Forgiveness*

### **A Time of Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory Anthem** *In the Presence of Jehova with Surely The*

*Presence*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

**\*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 God, as you remain in us, we also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. We cannot bear fruit alone. We belong to one another, to the cosmos, to the Spirit of the Living God. We are made from the same elements ---carbon, hydrogen...hope and love. Bless our gathered gifts today, oh God. Keep us rooted in wonder and in ordinary acts of care. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn B#518** *Father Almighty, Bless Us*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Our God*

Arr. Carol Tournquist

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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

### **Hybrid Bible Study Women of the Bible Series**

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, April 28**

9:00am ~ Choir Practice  
10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion  
11:00 am ~ Refreshments

### **Monday, April 29 ~ M& M's**

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor  
\*5:00pm-6:00pm ~ Earth Day PlantWave Meditation (Parlor)

### **Wednesday, May 1 ~ Hybrid Bible Study**

7:00pm in the James' Office /Zoom

### **Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Electronics Recycling Event**

9:00am-2:00pm Church Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)

### **Sunday, May 5**

9:00am ~ Choir Practice  
10:00am ~ Worship Service  
11:00am ~ Refreshments

### **Saturday May 11 ~ New Life 5K Trail Run**

*NOTE: If you are interested in running, we have sponsored race slots available. Please contact Jan Krohn*

Medfield State Hospital (1 Stonegate Dr.)

8:00am Bib pick-up and same-day registration

9:00am Fun Run for ages 4-10 (\$5 entry fee)

9:30 am Race Start