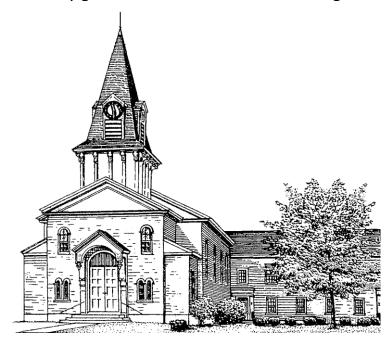
Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

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 14, 2024

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 10:00am Third Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude Here I Am to Worship

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: Gather Us In

*Call To Worship

One: Imaginative Spirit

All: Unfolding Possibility

One: Emerging Life All: Playful Wisdom

One: Divine Trouble Maker

All: Dynamic and Compassionate God---

One: Surprise us with signs and wonders in a growing world!

All: Expand with us, as we make waves towards heaven on

earth.

*Opening Prayer (together)

God of Becoming, we are grateful to be your people---for the fierce solidarity we offer each other and the world. Expand the horizons within us, that we may be fertile ground for the seeds of wisdom sown by the hands of those newly rising---teachers, leaders, prophets, and visionaries sculpting the future with their dreams. Unfurl the tightly wound petals of our being, those places entrenched in the comfort of yesterday. For you are the Gardener who nurtures those who shed the husks of yesteryears' constraints, to bloom in the grace of heaven on earth. We find our rhythm in the echoes of your infinite love. AMEN.

*Hymn B#242 The Strife Is O'er

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47

Sermon Being a "Believer"

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 *Instrumental*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem Your Grace Finds Me arr. Victor Labenske
*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)

Way Making One, may all people have access to resources for the wellbeing of their minds, bodies and spirits. Through our collective efforts, may we channel the waters of compassion, dissolving hardened soils that block streams of well-being. Bless our offerings, that they may flow freely to places of need. AMEN.

*Hymn B#251 / Greet You, Sure Redeemer

*Benediction

Postlude: Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Arr. Melody Bober

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



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 14

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion 11:00 am~ Refreshments

Monday, April 15 ~ M& M's

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

Wednesday, April 10 ~ Hybrid Bible Study

7:00pm in the James' Office /Zoom

Sunday, April 21

9:00am ~ Choir Practice 10:00am ~ Worship Service (Earth Day Sunday) 11:00am ~ Refreshments

Monday, April 22

10:00am-12:00pm M & M's in the Parlor 5:00pm-6:00pm ~ Earth Day PlantWave Meditation (Parlor)