

# 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

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Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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<p><b>Have a prayer request? Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at <a href="mailto:mejensen7@verizon.net">mejensen7@verizon.net</a></b></p>	

## **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)