

# Church of Christ, Congregational

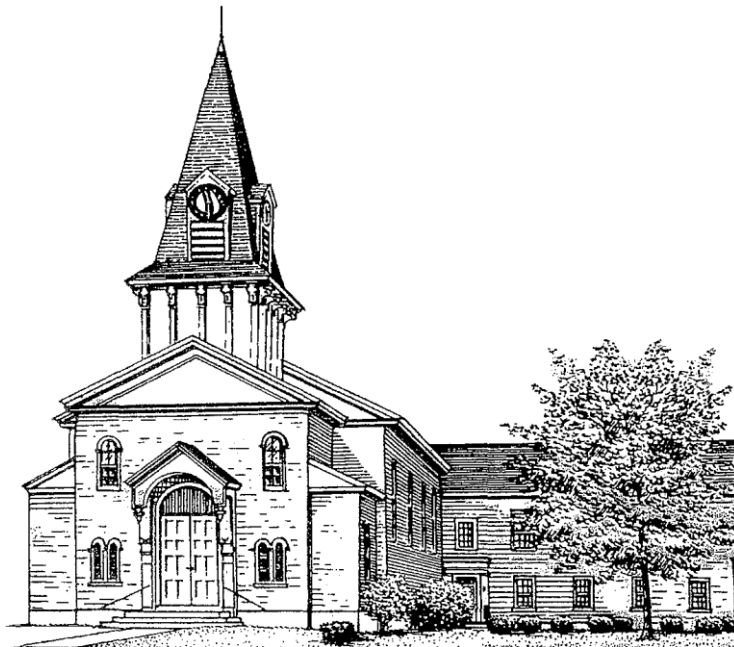
## United Church of Christ

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.



**September 17, 2023**

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**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

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

**Prelude:** *Come Into His Presence by Lynn Baird*

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Introit:** *We Have Come Into His House*

**Call To Worship: Psalm 103: 1-5**

**Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**\*Hymn: # B 40 – You Are the Way**

**Scripture:** Matthew 13: 8-14

**Sermon:** Message by Jaime Staraitis

**\*Hymn # B – 43 Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

**The Church at Prayer**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Our Personal Prayers in Silence**

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

**Sung Response:** *Cares Chorus*

**Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory:** *'Tis a Gift to be Simple, arr. Anna Laura Page*

**\*Sung Presentation:** 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.  
All Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As You have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** *Shine, Jesus Shine* by Graham Kendrick

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Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at [mejensen7@verizon.net](mailto:mejensen7@verizon.net)**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Blessing of the Pets**

Blessing of the Pets will be on Sunday, 9/24, during worship.

**M&M's (Monday Morning Group)**

Mondays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Join in the fun of socializing with others. Many bring hand work, but you can just come to visit. All are Welcome!

## **Future Sundays**

Until we secure a settled pastor, the Deacons will be coordinating the services. We are always looking for Lay Readers. Contact one of the Deacons if you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions for future services.

## **Pastoral Emergencies**

If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to one of the Deacons

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, September 17**

10:00 am ~ Worship / 11:00 ~ Church Picnic

### **Monday, September 18**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ M&Ms

### **Wednesday, September 19**

7:00 – Church Council Meeting

### **Sunday, September 24 ~ Blessing of the Pets**

10:00 am ~ Worship / 11:00 ~ Refreshments