

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 27, 2025

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

Sunday April 27, 2025 at 10:00am
Second Sunday of Easter—Holy Humor Sunday

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

Bulletin, Noun;

1. Something to read during the sermon;
2. A fan used in churches without air conditioning;
3. Your receipt for attending church.

Prelude: *I Can Only Imagine*

arr. Melody Bober

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *Instrumental*

***Call To Worship**

One: Come and celebrate! Let us shout joyfully to the Lord, our God.

All: Let praise break forth in all we do.

One: May joy and gratitude fill our hearts, our songs, and our prayers.

All: Let our laughter be deep, for we are God's beloved people.

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us to joy.

All: Let the whole world sing God's praises!

***Opening Prayer (together)**

You know better than we do, O God, what important people we consider ourselves to be. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation.

Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair that is our best friend, we ignore the joy that the risen Christ can bring.

Change our hearts, Creator of all, and enable us to see the startling and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with

**the love offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

***Hymn B#84** *This Is the Day*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

A Time for Children of All Ages

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18

Sermon Rejoice!

Rev. Mary Perry

***Hymn R#8** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

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 *We Have Seen the Risen Lord*

By Stan Pethel

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.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Generous God, we thank you for the ways you bless our lives with smiles, laughter, and joy. May these gifts bring those same expressions of your love to those who need them most. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn R#345 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***Benediction**

Postlude *I Lift My Hands*

arr. 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!

Christian Origins Book Club

Next meeting, May 4th! We will be wrapping up *Mary Magdalene Understood*. Grab a snack from coffee hour and meet us in the Parlor for discussion starting at 11:15am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 27

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, April 28 ~ M& M's

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

Sunday, May 4

Star Wars Sunday

(come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character)

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00am ~ Refreshments

11:15 ~ Christian Origins Book Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 10 ~ 6:00 pm

Community Dinner & Movie

Saturday, May 17 ~ 9am-2pm

Electronics Recycling Day (Rain or Shine Event)

Saturday, May 31 ~ 6:00 pm

Authentic Italian Night

(see website for tickets)

Sunday, June 22

12pm-5pm ~ Millis Pride Bazaar