

Church of Christ, Congregational

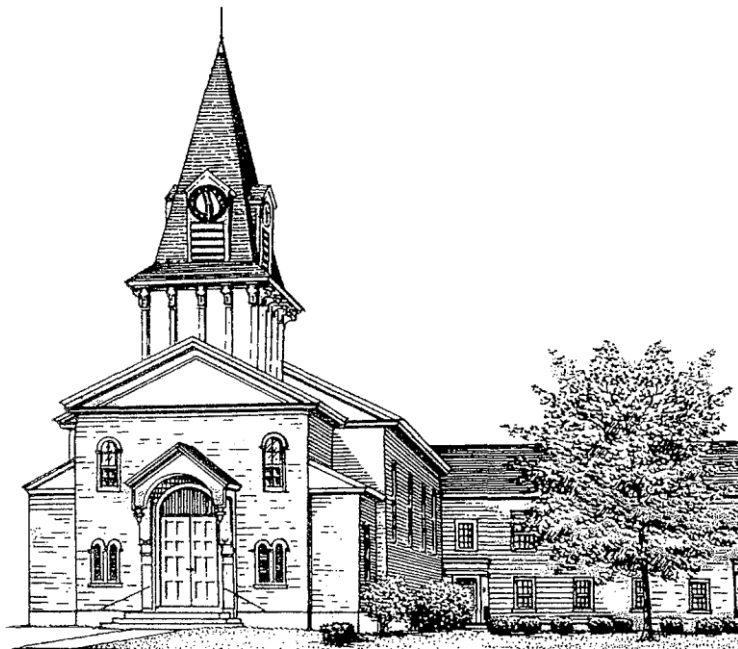
United Church of Christ

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.



July 13, 2025

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

Sunday July 13, 2025 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

Prelude: *I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*

by James McGranahan

Welcome/Announcements

***Call To Worship**

One: We come to worship this day, knowing deeply what it means to struggle.

All: We remember times in our lives when we've felt hopeless, yearning for someone to care for us.

One: In this divided climate that might tempt us to ignore the neighbors in our midst, we need only tap into our own humanity.

All: Because we know what it means to struggle, we are challenged each day to show radical love to our neighbors.

One: Even those who aren't like us.

All: Especially those who aren't like us.

One: May our worship today help us remember times we have been helped...

All:and how we can become the helpers, and the hope-bearers, in this world.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Christ, who teaches us the beauty of living in community, we thank you for bringing us together, both in person and online. We give you thanks for the ways we have been held in love in this community of faith. In moments of hardship, we have found comfort through acts of mercy shown by friends and through your constant, gracious presence in our lives. Empower us to be Good Samaritans in our own unique ways. Grant us the courage to seek out the hopeless and those in need—not out of pity, but from a place of shared understanding, born from the challenges we've faced ourselves. May your example inspire us to lead with radical love and bold compassion. Amen.

***Hymn** Humble Yourself

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

***Hymn** *Sanctuary*

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 to Give

Offertory Anthem *Blessed Be Your Name* arr. Tornquist

***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)**

God of love, we give these gifts back to you with humility, remembering times we've needed help in our own lives. Help us use the gifts we give to love others as we have been loved. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion see insert

***Benediction**

*** Hymn *All Good Gifts***

Postlude *You Are My King*

by Billy James Foote

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**



**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

Sunday, July 13

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 ~ Refreshments

Monday, July 14 ~ M& M's

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

Tuesday, July 15 ~ Farmers Market

2:00pm-6:00pm Front Lawn

Sunday, July 20

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00am ~ Refreshments

Sacrament of Communion – claiming our power (enfleshed liturgy library)

The Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you

All: And also with you

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

All: We open our hearts to you, O God

One: Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love

**All: For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give
thanks**

Words of Institution

Throughout history, O God, we have struggled to claim the power you have given us. Destructive forces within and around us make us question your call upon our lives. We turn ourselves over, in ways ordinary and remarkable, to what is. To what has been. To the familiar.

But you have created us for so much more. In Jesus, we saw a life lived in all its potential. In all its Sacred power. Life that is abundant. Love that was creative, and fervent for justice.

We saw, too, the consequences of living as if the Kin-dom were close. And so we wonder.

If we live with such courage, what will we lose?

In proclaiming truths that confront unjust power, do we stand a chance of survival?

How will it go for us, if we are willing to risk everything for love?

You have never promised us safety, but you have shown us what is possible.

The Spirit brings new life even to places of death.

Jesus, knowing the dangers ahead, still did not cave to the threats of power or give in to the temptations of the popular.

There was nothing he would trade for his love of the suffering and betrayed, not even his own life.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around a table with his companions. His friends. His beloveds in the struggle. Even the one who would turn him over to the cross. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Take, eat, and remember me."

After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying, “This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me.”

In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he taught us about ourselves—about the power God has given us. We remember that God enfleshed is Good News that feeds, that protects, that heals, and delivers. We remember the words he spoke: “whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these.” And so we pray, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, fill our hearts with courage to believe the Kingdom is within us, to live boldly in pursuit of love that liberates, and to follow the Wisdom that leads from the margins. Blessed be this meal of hope.

Sharing The Elements

Communion Music: *Jesus Paid It All*

By Lydell Leatherman

Prayer after Communion

God, we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.