

Church of Christ, Congregational

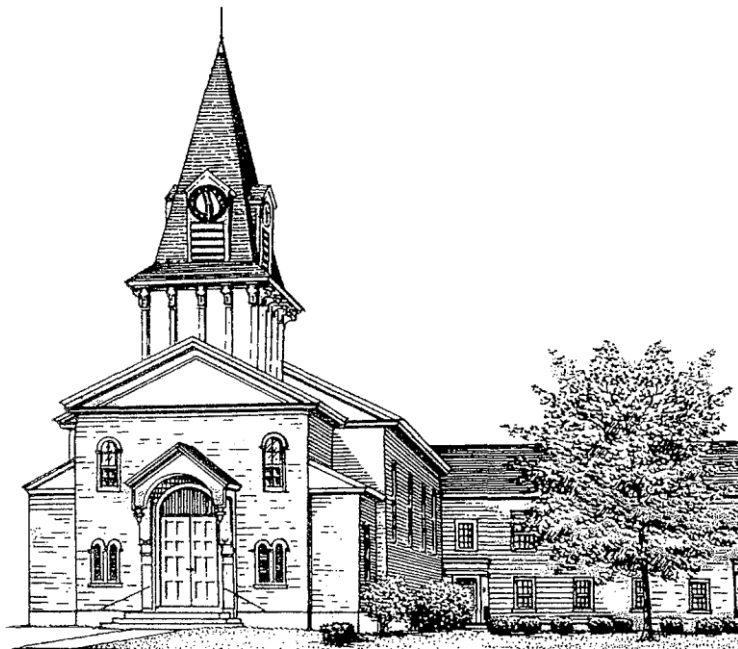
United Church of Christ

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.



June 8, 2025

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

Sunday June 8, 2025 at 10:00am
Pentecost

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

Prelude: *Oceans Where My Feet Fail*

arr. Labenske

Introductions

Prelude: *We Are One In The Spirit*

Verse 1:

*We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
Will one day be restored*

Refrain:

*And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love.*

Verse 2:

*We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land.*

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

*We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each one's pride.*

(Refrain)

Welcome/Announcements

***Call To Worship**

One: The Holy Spirit is among us---

All: Shaking up the order of things

One: Pouring our Mystery over our lives

All: Prophesying through unlikely sources

One: Like mist on a mountainside

All: Like fire cleansing a forest

One: Sometimes subtle

All: Sometimes unwieldy

One: But always dreaming of a World to Come---

All: Where all speak the language of compassion

One: and are alight with the flame of solidarity.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Gracious God, we give thanks for those blessed with spiritual gifts beyond our understanding—those who are often overlooked for their unconventional ways of being. They are attuned to mystery, connected to the unseen. Ancient Spirit, awaken us from the confines of our limitations. Expand our hearts and minds to embrace the wisdom of the great cloud of witnesses. When we look into a baby's eyes, may we see the wonder of all beings and the Universe reaching back to us with love. Amen.

***Hymn** *I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart*

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (Where?)*

Down in my heart! (Where?)

Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart*

Down in my heart to stay!

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I'm so happy, so very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

**Verse 2: Love of Jesus, Love of Jesus*

**Verse 3: Peace That Passes All Understanding*

A Time For Children Of All Ages

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon The Spirit Who Breaks Down Walls

**Hymn Here I Am Lord*

Verse 1:

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus:

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

Verse 2:

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?*

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and shamed.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?*

(Chorus)

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 *The Love Canon*

Love, love, love, love

Christians this is your call

Love your neighbor as yourself

For God loves us all

A Time of Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem *Kumbaya*

Kum ba ya, my lord, Kum ba yah!*

Kum ba ya, my lord, Kum ba yah!*

Kum ba ya, my lord, Kum ba yah.*

O Lord, Kum ba yah

**Someone's crying; *Someone's singing; *Someone's praying*

***Doxology (to the tune of Rock Around The Clock)**

One, Two, Three O'clock, Four o'clock Rock

Five, Six, Seven o'clock, Eight o'clock Rock

Nine, Ten, Eleven o'clock, Twelve o'clock Rock

We're gonna rock around the clock tonight!

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God All Creatures Here Below

Praise God Above Ye Heavenly Host

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Holy Spirit, lead us into a renewed world—one where healing is abundant and accessible, and where every person's needs are met. To this vision of a new way of being, we dedicate our gifts and resources. O Holy Mystery, come and dwell among us, anchor us in ancient wisdom, and awaken us to the fullness of your love. Amen.

***Benediction**

Closing Hymn *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace, Go now in peace


Let the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go...

Postlude *Revelation Song*

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 ~ Refreshments

Monday, June 9 ~ M& M's

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

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00am ~ Refreshments

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 22

Guest Preacher: Rev. Katie Omberg
(Regional Area Conference Minister for UCC Northeast)

12:00-5:00pm ~ Millis Pride Bazaar

Tuesday, June 24

2:00-6:00pm ~ Farmer's Market

Sacrament of Communion

Adapted from enfleshed's liturgy library "God Does Not Abandon Us"

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God, in whose image we are made.

All: To the Creator of all, we give thanks and praise.

Divine Protector, Defender of Life, your love for this world is everlasting. As oceans burn and species go extinct, our children are made vulnerable at school and our neighbors are kidnapped from their homes. There is so much reason to despair. But you, O God, refuse to abandon us to destruction. Christ takes on flesh. In the midst of struggle, you are glimpses of hope, encounters of freedom, tastes of what satisfies when so much leaves empty. In these incarnate moments, we sense the closeness of your Kin-dom.

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna, among us

You, O God, reorder the world into right-relationship. You lift high those made low. You lift high those made low. You humble the arrogant. You hear the earth groaning under capitalism and consumption and your fire burns in the hearts of your prophets. With this hope and assurance, we turn to the witness of Jesus whose teachings reveal the way to liberation. We seek his wisdom. We practice his courage. We remember his radical commitment to love.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

In remembrance of the love that saves us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.

Christ was executed among us.

Christ rises again among us.

May the Spirit come and settle upon these gifts. Making this bread and this cup be for us a Holy Encounter. Reminding us that Christ is with us. That Resurrection is a promise granted to us. That the Kingdom is always closer than we can imagine. May we be nourished, that we might nourish others.

All are invited to come forward and receive communion by intinction.

Communion Music: *Let Us Break Bread*

By Anthony Giamanco

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Beloved One, if we grow weary in love, may this meal live on as a reminder of what sustains us. In seeking the flourishing you intend for us, our neighbors, and this planet, keep our hearts tender, our spirits alive, and our senses attuned to the beauty that surrounds. With gratitude for your abiding presence, we pray. Amen.