

# 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.



**August 4, 2024**

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

**Sunday, August 4, 2024 at 10:00am**

\*Indicates standing if you are able

Hymns are provided on laminated sheets

**Prelude** *Morning Has Broken*

arr. John Turner

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Music:** *Oh The Glory Of Your Presence*

**\*Call To Worship**

One: Gardening God ---

**All: Fill our cups with clean water,**

One: fill our plates with sustenance,

**All: fill our tables with community.**

One: Justice-Making Spirit---

**All: Transform the hearts of those who manufacture famine.**

One: Crumble systems that pollute nourishment. Where food  
deserts have been created,

**All: abundance once more!**

One: Sustaining Love---

**All: We desire to thrive together!**

One: We desire to feed one another & be fed.

**\*Opening Prayer (together)**

**Living Christ who says Their Body is Bread --- In a world of abundance, we do not accept that some beloveds do not have enough to eat. We do not accept the lie that food must be produced in a way that degrades land, animals, and humans. Intimacy, tenderness, tending, care with our food sources --- this is our prayer! Thank you to the wise people who teach us right relationship with land and food. Thank you to the people who work to make food accessible and available. Thank you to those who creatively feed their families and communities with what they have. For they are expressions of Divine Love. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** *All That I Need*

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Scripture Reading** Exodus 16:2-15

## **Sermon** Surviving the Wilderness: Lessons from Manna

## **Music for reflection**

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** *Amen*

## **A Time of Offering**

### **Invitation**

**Offertory Anthem** *Fairest Lord Jesus* by Ruth Elaine Schram

**\*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

## **Sacrament of Communion**

### **Invitation**

One: The Holy One be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.

**All: We open our hearts to you, O God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God, and Abiding Presence

**All: To the One who companions us through all things,  
we give thanks and praise.**

One: In awe and gratitude, we join together in praise of you,  
Source of Abundance.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy One. God of justice and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder. Blessed  
is your presence among us.**

### **Communion Prayer**

### **Words of Institution & Blessing the Elements**

### **Sharing the Meal**

*You are invited to come forward to participate in the Sacrament of Communion. You may take a piece of bread and dip it in the juice, eating immediately. For those who prefer, you may also stay seated and a deacon will assist you.*

**Communion Music** *Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated*

Arr. Mark Hayes

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)**

**God of Persistence, though you have been betrayed many times, you still do not give up on love. Evil is relentless but so, too, is your belief in us. In our ability to be transformed. To turn from dominance. To mend and repair where harm has been done. May we, too, believe in our potential for co-creating with you a future of flourishing for all life. We give thanks for this meal, a reminder of your unending grace and abiding companionship. AMEN.**

### **Prayer of Dedication (together)**

**We dedicate our offerings to the nourishment of all beings everywhere. We dream of justice in our food systems ---plant, animal, land, human --- working in partnership for mutual wellbeing. May we cultivate a world where ordinary abundance flows freely. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** *God Be With You*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Ancient Of Days*

*Sadler & Harville*

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*Today's Liturgy is adapted from The Enfleshed Liturgy Library*

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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](mailto: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!

### **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, August 4**

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

### **Monday, August 5 ~ M& M's**

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

### **Wednesday, August 7**

3:00-7:00pm Farmer's Market

7:00pm ~ Hybrid Bible Study  
in James' Office /Zoom

### **Sunday, August 11**

#### **Church w/ Rev. Perry**

10:00am ~ Worship Service

11:00am ~ Refreshments

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Congregational's

# farmer's market




Wednesdays  
July 10th - October 2nd


 3 PM-  
7 PM

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Wednesdays at 7PM



# Women of the Bible

*a study series with Rev. James*



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## Upcoming Events

August 25 ~ Blessing of the Animals

September 8 ~ Rally Sunday and Potluck

September 14 ~ Corn Hole Tournament

September 28 ~ Multi-Generational Open Mic Night

October 6 ~ Disability Awareness Sunday

October 27 ~ Trunk or Treat

November 23 ~ Multi-Generational Open Mic Night

December 7 ~ Jolly Holly Christmas Festival

