

Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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.



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

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Please Welcome Guest Pitcher, Rev. Mary To The Mound!

“Things could be worse. Suppose your errors were counted and published every day, like those of a baseball player.”

- Author unknown

*Indicates standing if you are able

FIRST INNING

Prelude: *Instrumental*

Greeting and Announcements

Call To Worship:

One: In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion,
God calls us back home.

All: God is the hope of the world.

One: In God there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither
Roman Catholic nor Protestant.

All: All are one in God.

One: In God there is neither black nor white, neither
north nor south.

All: God is the hope of the world.

One: In God there is neither male nor female, neither
master nor servant.

All: All are one in God.

One: In God there is neither rich nor poor.

All: God is the hope of the world.

One: In God there is neither Red Sox nor Yankee.

**All: We are all one in God. Let us worship God
together!**

SECOND INNING

Opening Prayer (together)

Gracious and loving God, in this time of worship, touch us with the gladness of living. Cover us with joy. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, and love. Move us toward gratitude for those around us and into a deeper relationship with you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

THIRD INNING

Song: *“Take Me Out to God’s Game”*

see centerfold

FOURTH INNING

Prayer for Transformation/Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

FIFTH INNING

Scripture: Philippians 3: 12-17, Luke 9: 57-62

Sermon: “Keep Your Eye on the Ball”

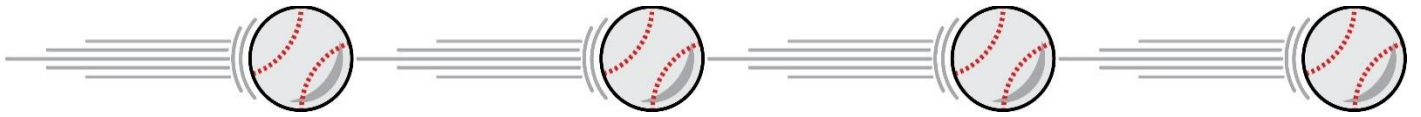
SIXTH INNING

“The Wave”

Prayers of the People: Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

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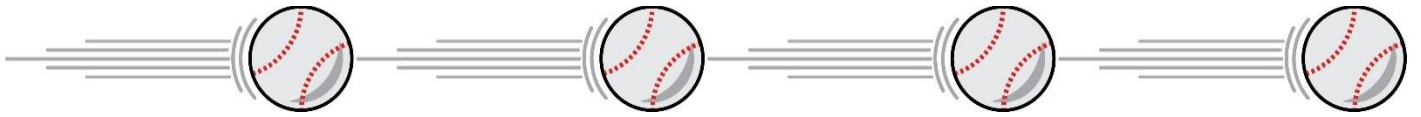
Take Me Out to God's Game

Tune: "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" (Albert Von Tilzer, Lyrics by Chris Laughead & Joyce Gindra)

Take me out to God's Game,
Let me be on God's team.
Find me some purpose, a path to tread, I know my Bible, I'll
always get fed.
And it's root, root, root for the sermons, the preaching is always
the best!
And it's serve, pray, always have faith, when you're on God's
team.

Take me to worship in Millis, where I can sing and pray.
We gather together with love in our hearts,
We'll praise God together as one family!
So it's root, root, root for God's home team, believers, all tried and
true
Not one, two or three days a year, But our whole lives through.

Take me out to God's game,
Where the people all sing.
Hallelujah and praise the Lord,
We know all the songs so we never get bored.
And it's root, root, root for the home church, where caring people
abound.
When the worship is over our service begins, Christians all
around!



Sweet Caroline

Words, music Neil Diamond

Where it began, I can't begin to knowin'
But then I know it's growing strong
Was in the spring and spring became the summer
Who'd have believed you'd come along.

Hands, touchin' hands
Reachin' out, touchin' me, touchin' you

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I've been inclined
To believe they never would
But now I...
...look at the night
And it don't seem so lonely
We fill it up with only two.

And when I hurt,
Hurtin' runs off my shoulders
How can I hurt when holding you?
Warm, touchin' warm
Reachin' out, touchin' me, touchin' you

Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
I've been inclined,
To believe they never would
Oh, no, no Sweet Caroline
Good times never seemed so good
Sweet Caroline, I believe they never could
Sweet Caroline Good times never seemed so good
Sweet Caroline...

SEVENTH INNING

...and God rested on the seventh day....Genesis 2:2

Seventh Inning Stretch “Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”

Song: “*Sweet Caroline*”

see centerfold

EIGHTH INNING

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music: *Instrumental*

***Doxology Tune:** Old Hundredth

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth,
whose love reveals our sacred worth,
whose Spirit forms one family,
whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

God whose giving knows no ending, all that we have and all that we are comes from you, so we gladly return our gifts to you that others too may be blessed for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

NINTH INNING

Sung Response: “*God Be With You*”

(laminated song sheet)

***Benediction**

POST-GAME WRAP UP

***Postlude:** *Instrumental*

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!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone

Call or text (774)-993-9407

To make an appointment with Pastor James, visit: [Calendly.com/pastoruccmillis](https://calendly.com/pastoruccmillis)

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



Millis Church of Christ
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WEDNESDAYS
JULY 10TH - OCTOBER 2ND

2 PM- 6 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 14 ~ Baseball Sunday

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

Monday, July 15 ~ M& M's

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

Wednesday, July 17

3:00-7:00pm ~ **Farmers Market**

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

Sunday, July 21

**Outside Services continue; pack a lawn chair,
or keep one in your car**

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

