

# 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 7, 2024**

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

**Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10:00am**

***Communion Sunday***

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

**Prelude** *Processional in D minor*

Colin Mawby

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Music:** *We Are an Offering*

**\*Call To Worship**

One: In the shadow of empire, we make shelter together

**All: We hold each other in grief**

One: We make space for righteous anger

**All: We bring our fears with honesty**

One: Like the disciples huddled together

**All: We turn toward community**

One: We find our courage together

**All: And God meets us here**

One: Beloveds, may it be so as we worship together

**\*Opening Prayer (together)**

**Enduring Presence, from this sanctuary, we confront the multitude of powers leaving so many with reasons to be afraid. We long to create shelter for one another, strangers and kin, near and far. We wonder what makes a heart, a community, a church a trustworthy place of refuge. Teach us. Undo us. Build us up. That we may be a place to turn, a people who protect, and a community of faith, justice, and peace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn B#247** *My Shepherd is the Living God*

**Prayer of Transformation/ Words of Assurance**

## Children's Moment

### Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31

Sermon My Lord And My God

Music for Meditation 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 *God's Eye Be Within Me*

### A Time of Offering

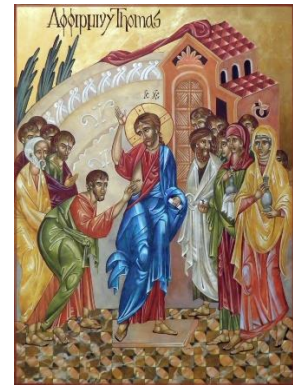
Invitation

Offertory Anthem *We Have Seen the Risen Lord* Stan Pethel

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Dedication (together)

**Compassionate One, with these offerings we also bring our anxieties and uncertainties, skepticisms and the great aches that leave us cynical about change. Meet our vulnerabilities with your own, O God. Root our faith not in coercion nor suppression, but in authentic**



'Doubting Thomas'  
By Mary Jane Miller  
2008

**connection and solidarity. That we may rise as a community to the calling of these days Amen.**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation/ Prayer of Consecration/ Words of Institution  
Sharing the Bread and Cup**

(please hold each element until all have been served)

**Communion Music** *From the Inside Out*

Arr. Carol Tournquist

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (together)

**Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the street, to our homes and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen**

**\*Hymn B#250** *Listen to Your Savior Call*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** *How Can I Keep from Singing with Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Arr. Victor Labenske

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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**

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: 878 3217 9786

Passcode: 181480

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, April 7**

10:00 am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

### **Monday, April 8 ~ M& M's**

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

### **Wednesday, April 10 ~ Hybrid Bible Study**

7:00pm in the Parlor/Zoom

### **Sunday, April 14**

9:00am ~ Choir Practice

10:00am ~ Worship Service

11:00am ~ Refreshments