

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 2, 2026

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

Sunday August 2, 2026, at 10:00am

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

Prelude *All Creatures Of Our God and King*

by Mark Hayes

Welcome / Announcements

Gathering Music *Instrumental*

Call to Worship

One: What miracles of God might unfold among us?

Many: We gather in shared hope and dreams of another way

One: Concerned with humanity and all creation

Many: We are weary with empire's gree

One: In faith, we trust the Holy Spirit is with us

Many: There will be a breaking open

One: Let the people come together in solidarity

Many: God rises among us! On earth as it is in heaven!

Opening Prayer (together)

Holy Provider, your abundance was given for the flourishing of all life, yet so many still go without. When resources are held too tightly, your people grow weary from labor, and many are left without care, nourishment, shelter, or companionship in their suffering. Guard us from accepting too little or mistaking scarcity for your desire. Teach us to seek ways of living shaped by generosity, shared provision, rest, and healing. Show us how to tend to one another with compassion and courage in these days of struggle. Amen.

***Hymn:** *Come Into God's Presence*

by Carl P. Daw Jr.

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 Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon Bread, Fish, & Social Solidarity

***Hymn:** *On Eagle's Wings*

by Michael Joncas

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

Offertory Anthem *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*
by Getty & Townend

***Doxology**

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)

Dear God, thank you for our friends and family. When things feel hard, you help us remember that we are better when we help each other. Help us to share what we have and to open our hands wide. Help us not to keep everything for ourselves, but to give with happy hearts. Help us to see when someone needs a friend, a warm meal, or a safe place to be. Please take care of all your people, so everyone has yummy food, a safe place to rest, and a place where they belong. Amen.

***Hymn** *We Praise You, O God*

by Julia C. Cory

***Benediction**

Sacrament of Communion

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together

To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day. By your very nature, you are always seeking us out – searching for ways to connect us and connect with us. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness that dwells in the world around us, in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna, among us

Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table. You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love. You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors, but God, since our beginning, we have struggled.

And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins. You revealed the sacredness in all life. You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News. He called for the captives to be set free. He spoke of the lowly being lifted up. He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of poverty. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds – not even the bounds of death.

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 all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make these ordinary elements into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again. May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection. Aliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of every creature and creation is celebrated.

Sharing the Elements
All are invited to come forward to receive communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together

by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.

Postlude *Mighty to Save*, arr. Tornquist

by Reuben Morgan

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!

Farmers Market

Tuesdays 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone. Call or text (774)-993-9407

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am ~ Worship and Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

11:15 am ~ The Politics of Jesus Book Club, Pt. 2

Sunday, August 16

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, August 23

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, August 30

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Refreshments