

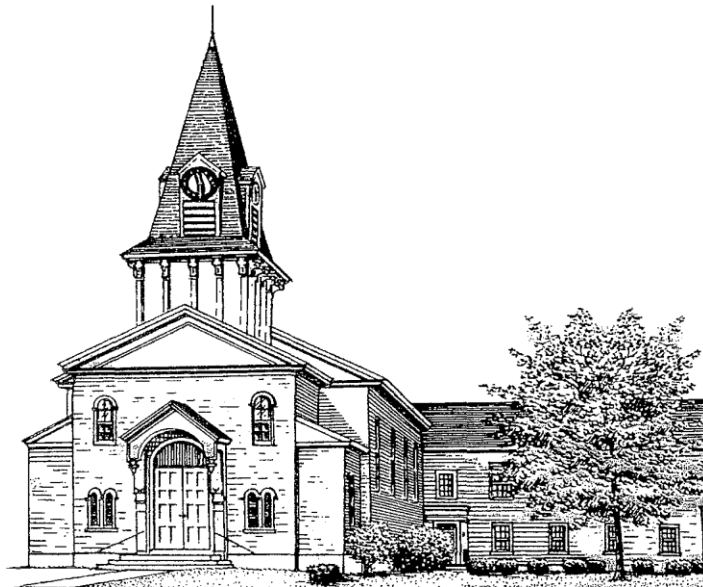
Church of Christ, Congregational

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 16, 2026

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

Sunday August 16, 2026, at 10:00am

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

Prelude *Across the Lands*

Welcome / Announcements

Gathering Music *Instrumental*

***Call to Worship**

One: Believers, Skeptics, Heretics, and Seekers

All: We gather together with questions and convictions

One: Tussling and wrestling with the mysteries of faith

All: The Spirit delights in our discernment of Wisdom

One: God has given us agency, creativity, and imagination

All: We are set free to pursue a multitude of truths

One: Let us discover what it is we believe

***Opening Prayer (together)**

God our Divine Companion, you know us intimately and honestly. As individuals, as communities, as people with histories different and shared, you do not always call us down the same paths. Teach us how to reckon with a freedom that is not one size fits all. Meet us in all our specific privileges and powers, gifts and offerings, that we may find our way and support one another. Amen.

***Hymn** *Enter, Rejoice and Come In!*

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 16:13-20

Sermon What Do You Believe About Jesus?

***Hymn** *Oh the Glory of Your Presence*

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 *One Sweet Solemn Thought*

***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)

Loving God, we long for a faith that is deep and rich and humble enough to hold the problems of our time. Bless our offerings to the creative and bold labors of discipleship. Help us to realize who you call us to be. Open our hearts and minds to what's possible in the world. We are open to being surprised. Amen.

***Hymn** *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*

***Benediction**

Postlude *God Is Able, arr. Tornquist*

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

Authentic Italian Night Date Change

Authentic Italian Night has been moved to November 21st at 6:30pm.

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 16

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

Sunday, August 23

10:00am ~ Worship and "Ask the Pastors"
11:00am ~ Refreshments

Sunday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 13

10:00am ~ Welcome Sunday and Potluck

Sunday, September 27

4:00pm - 6:30pm ~ Fairy Houses in the Garden

Sunday, November 1

10:00 am ~ All Saints Worship
11:00am ~ Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 21

6:30pm ~ Authentic Italian Night

Sunday, November 22

10:00am ~ Thanksgiving Sunday w/ Stone Soup

Saturday, December 5

9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Jolly Holly Fair

Thursday, December 24

6:30pm ~ Christmas Eve Service

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

September

Book: *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg

Meeting Date: Sunday, September 27 after worship

October

Book: *God's Monsters* by Esther Hamori

Meeting Date: Sunday, October 18 after worship

November

Book: *We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship, and the Community of God* by Kendall Vanderslice

Meeting Date: Sunday, November 15 after worship

December

Book: *Christmaker: A Life of John the Baptist* by James F. McGrath

Meeting Date: Sunday, December 20 after worship



*Love your neighbor.
One Saturday at a time.*

Volunteer at the Second Chance Closet

-  **What we do:** Free clothing, shoes & toiletries for neighbors in need.
-  **What you'll do:** Sort donations, welcome guests, organize shelves.
-  **Where:** 142 Exchange St, Millis, MA
-  **When:** Saturdays, 10 AM-12 PM



*Faith looks like showing up for
your community. Will you join us?*

Sign up by filling out the form on our
website or scanning the QR code

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