

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.



May 31, 2026

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026
Pride Sunday

*Indicates standing if you are able

Prelude *Seasons of Love* Jonathan Larson (Rent)

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Music *Over The Rainbow* Harold Arlen (music)
E.Y. "Yip" Harburg (lyrics)

***Call To Worship** (*adapted from the ONA Sunday worship guide*)

One: Beloved, some of us came here tired, or carrying
grief.

All: But we are still here.

One: Some of us came with joy in our bones and rainbows in
our spirit.

All: And we are still here.

One: In a world that tries to erase queer stories,

All: We shall not be moved.

One: In a time when trans and nonbinary lives are targeted,

All: We shall not be moved.

One: When fear tells us to be silent,

All: We shall not be moved.

One: When shame tries to pull us from the truth of who
God made us to be,

All: We shall not be moved.

One: We are rooted in love.

All: We are rooted in justice.

One: We are rooted in affirmation.

All: We are rooted in God.

One: Like trees planted by living water,

All: We shall not be moved.

***Opening Prayer** (together)

Holy and Liberating God, you gather us in all our colors, all our names, all our bodies, and all our beauty. You gather the loud and the quiet, the certain and the questioning, the joyful and the grieving, the healed and the healing. You gather queer children, trans children, nonbinary children, questioning children, fierce elders, chosen families, those who struggle, those who are trying, and those still fighting. Root us beside living water. Root us in love that does not flinch. Root us in justice that does not back down. Root us in affirmation that refuses to whisper what should be shouted. Let this worship be sanctuary and spark. Let it be balm for the wounded and fire for the faithful. Let it remind us that we are yours, and because we are yours, we shall not be moved. Amen.

Music *Here Comes The Sun* George Harrison

A Time for God's Children of All Ages

Passing Of The Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Christ is not fragile politeness. It is the fierce peace of justice, truth, and love.

All: The peace of Christ makes room for all of us.

One: Let us share signs of peace and remember: every body, every story, every beloved child of God belongs in the circle of grace. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Genesis 37:1-11

Sermon *The Sacred Fabulousness of the Ketonet Passim*

Music *True Colors* Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (please use the language most familiar to you)

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;

And 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*

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Survivor Medley

Freddie Perren,

Dino Fekaris, Beyoncé Knowles,

Anthony Dent, Mathew Knowles,

John Madara, David White

***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**

God of Extravagant Welcome, thank you for these gifts and for all the ways you care for us. Please use what we give to help people feel safe and loved. Help churches be brave and kind. Help us care for LGBTQ+ people with more than just words. Help us build a world full of joy, fairness, and safety. Bless these gifts and all we do together. May everything we share grow from love. Amen.

Music

This Is Me

Benj Pasek, Justin Paul
(The Greatest Showman)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Stand By Me

Ben E. King,
Jerry Leiber, Mike Stoller

Please stay for coffee, snacks, & a presentation by Dr. Barb Fritts following the service.

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For your convenience, you can now make donations and pay your pledge on-line. Just scan this Giving QR code.



**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 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

Second Chance Closet

Open closet hours for June are Saturday 6/1 & Saturday 6/20, from 10:00am-Noon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 31

Pride Sunday

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00 ~ Presentation by Dr. Barb Fritts
Refreshments included.

Monday, June 1

M&M's

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

Sunday, June 7

10:00am ~ Worship & Communion

11:00 ~ Refreshments

11:15 ~ Book Club in the Parlor
(Part 1 of Summer Reading Series)

Welcome, Diverse Holliston Choir! Do you love to sing or want to be part of something uplifting and inspiring? Voices for Change, the Diverse Holliston Choir, invites you to lend your voice to a growing community of people using music to build connection and celebrate unity. The choir welcomes singers of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels. Whether you've sung in choirs before or are just curious to try, your voice matters—and we can't wait to hear it. We perform at local community events throughout the year, including Holliston Pride, the Winter Solstice Celebration, and other gatherings that align with our mission of inclusion, diversity, and shared joy. Participation is flexible, and rehearsal schedules are designed to accommodate busy lives. This is your chance to connect with others, lift your voice in harmony, and be part of something meaningful. Come sing with us — we're stronger together!

About Dr. Barb Fritts Born and raised in Western NY, I spent my early career working in South Boston in various supportive housing locations for folks with chronic mental illness. Graduate school took me to the Midwest and then Rocky Mountain west, a natural playground for my love of all things outdoors and photography. I moved back to the Boston area in May 2015 and brought with me a Massachusetts-born partner, a precocious daughter and amazingly sweet dog, whose name happens to be Boston. A year later we welcomed our second daughter. I am a licensed clinical psychologist and my approach to treatment is centered on creating a safe and collaborative environment for those who are seeking help. I take tremendous pleasure in my work and I consider my approach to care integrative and flexible. I strive to be mindful of the socio-cultural context of each individual. Our unique backgrounds and experiences make us who we are, and also can have a profound impact on our psychological functioning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MILLIS UCC SUMMER BOOK CLUB



The Politics of Jesus

Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teachings and How They Have Been Corrupted
by Obery M. Hendricks

Discussions led by Rev. James Admans

This book has 3 parts. We will read one part per meeting (two meetings for part 1). Come for one, two, three, or all four gatherings!

Sundays 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Part 1 - June 7th & June 28th

Part 2 - July 12th

Part 3 - August 9th

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