

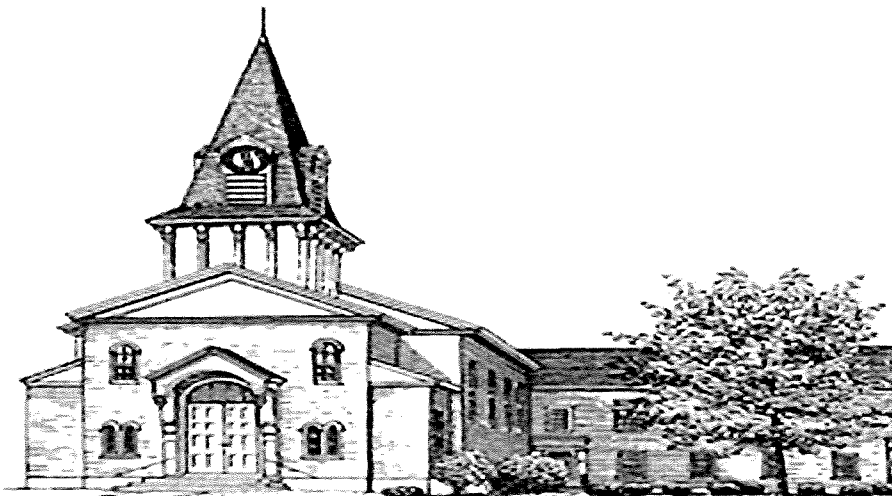
Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

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 15, 2022

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Worship God, Serve Our Neighbors, Share God's Love

Sunday Worship ~ MAY 15, 2022 at 10:00 am

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

Prelude: *Meditation on "Cherponi"*

*Richard Blake
Ghanian Folk Melody*

Welcome

Introit: *Holy Ground*

Soloist: John Smith

Call to Worship

***Hymn # B 303** ~ *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing*

***Invocation**

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us. Help us to know in our bones your love and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your call upon our community. We pray in the name of Jesus, the risen Christ. Amen.

Scripture: John 13:31-35

A Time for Children of All Ages

Anthem: *O God, Beyond all Praising* Michael Perry/Gustav Holst
2007 Hope Publishing Co.

Lyrics

*O God beyond all praising,
We worship you today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;*

*For we can only wonder
At every gift you send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:*

*We lift our hearts before you
And wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you,
Our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor
May serve you as our king;*

*And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless you still:*

*To marvel at your beauty
And glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.*

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon: "Let it go so you can love"

Offering

Offertory: *Instrumental*

Doxology # B 236 ~ Halle, Halle, Halle, Luu-Ja

Prayer of Dedication

God, accept these offerings we lay before you.
Offerings of our hands and of our hearts. Bless them
and us that we may serve you well and with joy.
Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Sharing

Pastoral Prayer

Personal Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*Most in our congregation use "B" on page 9 in
the black hymnal. Use the words that work best for you.*)

Musical Response: *Lead Me Lord*

Hymn # B 617 ~ *Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Like a River Glorious*

John Purifoy

Based on Wye Valley ~ By James Mountain

2002 Lorent Publishing

Deacon: Lauren Briggs

Fellowship Refreshments: Trustees and Men's Fellowship

Have a prayer request?

**Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at
mejensen7@verizon.net**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

www.millisucc.org for all Zoom links

M&M (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Mondays at 10:00 am in the Parlor and on Zoom

All are Welcome!

Join in the fun even if you're not working on a needlework or craft project, join in for the socializing!

Pastor on Vacation

Rev. Geary will be off from May 20 – May 30 to attend a spiritual retreat and have some vacation time.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Deacons ~ Wendy Schneider, Lauren Briggs, Suzi Sennott.

Pastoral care coverage is being provided by Rev. Ken Landin, the UCC pastor in Wrentham.

Sunday School Begins Today ~ May 15

The Christian Education Committee is committed to providing a meaningful religious experience for our children and youth. A half-hour program for children, grade 6 and younger, will be offered monthly. Children will begin worship in the sanctuary with their families and will then go to Fellowship Hall for the second half of the service. All ages will be in the same space with a variety of age appropriate activities offered. Future dates will be announced based on the availability of CE members ~ next date is on Sunday, June 12. You can find the registration form and policy information on the church website under the "about" tab/forms. Please contact a member of the committee for more information and/or to volunteer to help.

Doug Briggs, Kelly Williams and Meghan Prescott

Healing Prayer Services

Come gather for healing prayer on Monday, May 16 at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. We will pray using "Faith Imagination".

All Are Welcome!

Breakfast Church on Sunday, May 22

Breakfast Church has returned! The menu is set, volunteers have signed up and all we need is YOU!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for our Sunday morning service centered around John 14:27b "Open and Unafraid".

We will enjoy food, fellowship, music and a short open discussion of the scripture passage. All ages are welcome to attend!

Sunday, May 29 – Worshiping with Lay Leaders

If you would like to read scripture, please contact Wendy Schneider, Suzi Sennott, or Lauren Briggs.

The service will be centered around John 17:20-26.

The theme is "Praying with our lives".

We will hear from a parishioner about their faith journey.

Our hymns will be patriotic in nature to honor the service men and women who fought for our freedoms.

Sunday, June 5 ~ Pentecost Sunday

We will have a celebratory worship service followed by an all-church picnic. More information to follow ~ be sure to check out the June Spire! We hope you can attend!

Church Flea Market Coming in June

The Church is putting on a Flea Market Saturday, June 11
(rain date will be Saturday, June 18)

Additional information to follow ~ if you would like to join the Coordinating Team, please contact Jan Krohn.

Get Your T-Shirts

New logo T-shirts have been ordered to show our visibility as we volunteer in community and church events. If you are interested in having a church logo T-shirt, contact Jan Krohn or Wendy Schneider. The cost is \$15 per shirt.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Today, May 15**
 - 10:00 am ~ Worship Service
 - Sunday School Begins
 - Fellowship Following Service
- **Monday, May 16**
 - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ Monday Morning Crafters
 - 11:00 am – 1:00 pm ~ Rev. Geary Office Hours
 - 7:30 pm ~ Healing Prayer Services in the Parlor
- **Wednesday, May 18**
 - 9:30 am ~ Bible Study
(*Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;*
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9)
 - 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm ~ Rev. Geary Office Hours
- **Thursday, May 19**
 - 7:00 pm ~ Church Council Meeting on Zoom
- **Friday, May 20 thru Monday, May 30**
 - Rev. Geary on Vacation

Licenses: One License #A-732166; CCLI # 1300459

To Join Zoom Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87562091923?pwd=MVpJT21NelpRck9wM1UyaUtBalZsZz09>

Or, if using phone, dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 875 6209 1923 **Password:** 02054

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

Phil. 4:4; Rev. 3:7; 19:6-7

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

1 Re - joice, give thanks and sing; your Sov - ereign God a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 Christ Je - sus can - not fail to rule both earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,

For Christ has robbed death's sting and tri - umphs ev - er - more. Lift
 The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power a - bove. Lift
 The keys of death and hell are to the Sav - ior given. Lift
 And take the faith - ful up to their e - ter - nal home. We

up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 soon shall hear a heaven - ly voice a - bove the trum - pet's sound, "Re - joice!"

This Ascension text, one of the festival hymns by Charles Wesley, was published originally in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems (1744). Somewhat altered, it appeared in this familiar version in Charles' 1746 collection, Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8.
 John Darwall, 1770

Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

Rev. 5:9-14

Hymns and Spiritual Songs,
ed. James O'Kelly, 1816; alt.

1 U - nite and join your cheer - ful songs, with
 2 This is the way the church should strive, in
 3 Wor - thy the Lamb, the an - gels say, to
 4 As - sist us, all a - bove the sky, on

an - gels 'round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
 har - mo - ny be - low; As mem - bers of one
 be ex - alt - ed thus; A - men, a - men the
 earth, and on the seas; U - nite and raise God's

are their tongues, yet all their joys are one.
 bod - y live, one Sov - ereign shall you know.
 saints re - ply, the Lamb was slain for us.
 hon - ors high, in hymns of end - less praise.

This hymn appears in Hymns and Spiritual Songs, a collection of hymn texts (without tunes), published in 1816 in Raleigh, North Carolina. It may have been written by the book's editor, James O'Kelly, an itinerant preacher who broke away from the Methodist Church because of its hierarchical government. O'Kelly founded the Christian Church in the southern United States in 1794. In 1931, the Christian Church merged with the Congregational Church to form a predecessor denomination of the United Church of Christ. The themes of unity and freedom appear throughout O'Kelly's collection of hymns.

Tune: AMAZING GRACE (NEW BRITAIN) C.M.
 from Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900
 Alternate tune: LAND OF REST