

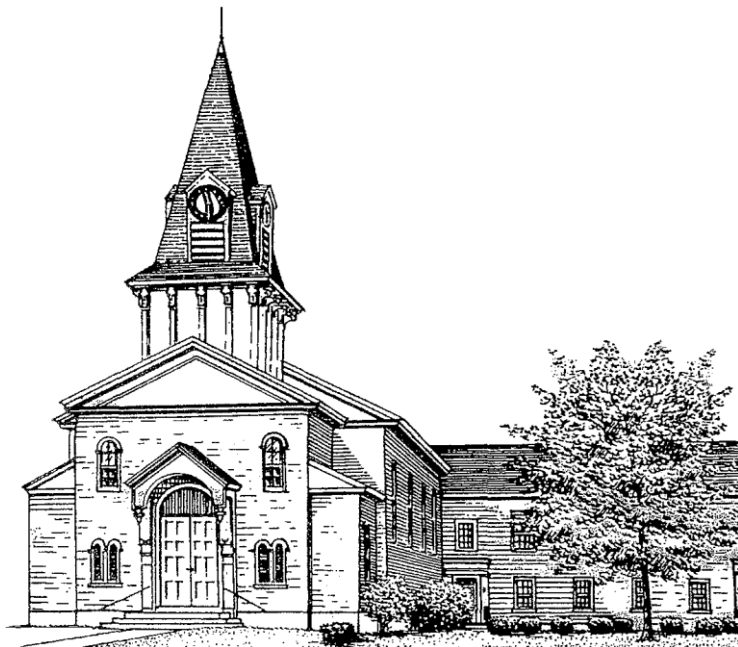
# *Church of Christ, Congregational* *United Church of Christ*

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 21, 2023**

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

**ASCENSION SUNDAY  
MAY 21, 2023**

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

**Prelude:** *I Know Whom I Have Blessed*

*Lloyd Larson*

**Welcome**

**Introit:** *Change My Heart, O God*

**Call To Worship:**

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

**People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: God has made us whole.

**People: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

**People: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.**

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God of earth and sky,**

**as Jesus came among us to raise us up to heaven,  
so today we recall his departing from us to be in all  
places.**

**Though he is hidden from our sight, enable us to abide  
in him**

**by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,**

**until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen**

**\*Hymn: # B 256 ~ *We Live By Faith and Not By Sight***

**Scripture:** Luke 24:44-53

**Sermon:** Rev. Mary L. Perry

## The Church at Prayer

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Our Personal Prayers in Silence**

**Pastoral 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).

**Sung Response:** *I Want Jesus to Walk With me*

## Offering

**Offertory:** *My Tribute*

*Andrae Crouch*

**\*Sung presentation:** *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above your heavenly hosts.*

*All Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Announcements

**\*Hymn: # B 433 ~ *In the Bulb There Is A Flower***

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** *Praise the King!*

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

**Deacons:** Lauren Briggs, Doug Briggs, Katelyn Andrews, Kathy Stevens, and Allen Williams

Fellowship Refreshments: Men's Fellowship

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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**

### **Sunday School**

Today, Sunday School is being offered for those in grade 8 and younger. We divide the students into two groups by age depending on who is there on a certain week. Children in grade 3 and older are encouraged to bring their Bible with them. Mark your calendar, so you don't miss the May 21<sup>st</sup> class.

### **Church Flea Market & Craft Fair**

Saturday, June 3 from 9 am – 2 pm, (*rain date will be Saturday, June 18*)

Crafters, Vendors and Yard Sale Sellers Wanted!

Space Cost is \$15.00 per 10' x 8' spot, (*tables included if needed*)

To register or request additional information, please contact:

(617) 818-0932 (or) [events.churchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:events.churchofchrist@gmail.com)

### **Future Sundays**

Until we secure Pulpit Supply, the Deacons will be coordinating the services. We are always looking for Lay Readers. Contact one of the Deacons to advise them of your availability. If you have an idea for a service, please speak up.

### **Pastoral Emergencies**

If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to one of the Deacons or Julie in the Church Office.

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, The Church's Birthday ~ Please go through your closet and pick out your red, yellow and orange clothes.

The colors of the Pentecost Flame.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, May 21~ Worship**

7:30 am ~ Men's Fellowship Breakfast

10:00 am ~ Worship Service

Sunday School

Fellowship Following Service

Family Fellowship

### **Monday, May 22**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ M&Ms

### **Tuesday, May 23**

7:00 pm – Missions Meeting

### **Sunday, May 28~ Pentecost Sunday**

10:00 am ~ Worship Service

Fellowship Following Service