

Church of Christ, Congregational

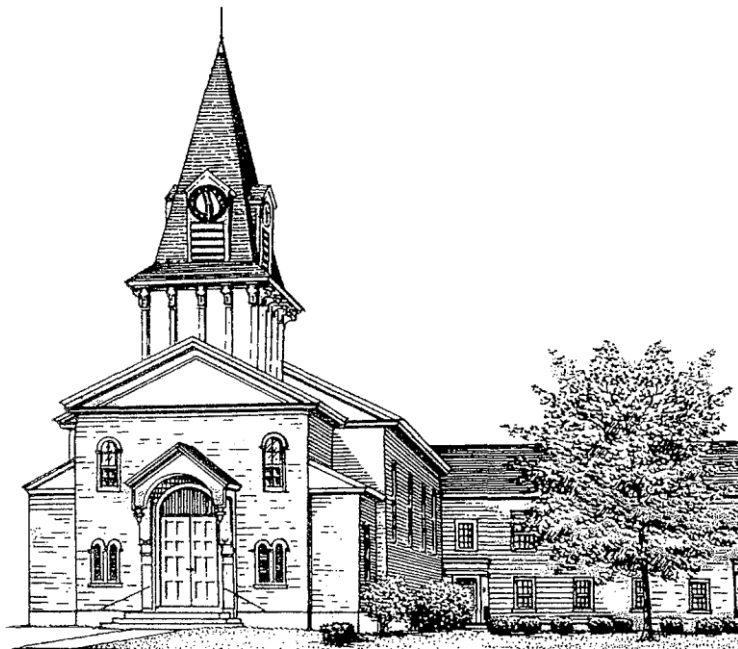
United Church of Christ

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 25, 2025

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

Sunday May 25, 2025 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

by Garrett Parker

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

***Call To Worship** (after John 14:23)

One: Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching...

All: ...says Jesus, teacher of liberation & compassion.

One: The Holy Caretaker will love them,

All: and we will come to them, and make our home with them.

One: Come, Siblings in Christ, let us devote ourselves to the teachings of Jesus--

All: welcoming the stranger, loving our neighbor, feeding the hungry—

One: For the Holy longs to make a home with us.

***Opening Prayer** (together)

When we feel adrift, when we feel overwhelmed, when we are full of sorrow—Holy Spirit, turn our faces, like flowers to the sun, towards love. The gospel calls us to the greatest invitation: to love our neighbors as ourselves. Holy Spirit, no matter how risky or humbling, attune our hearts to the call of love. Ignite within us a fierce determination to protect and cherish our neighbors. We lift our prayers for their safety—a powerful shield of protection over every immigrant, every queer person, every child, and all who bear the heavy burden of unjust systems. Amen.

***Hymn R#440** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

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 Readings

Acts 16: 9-15

Sermon Divine Detours and Sacred Connections

**Hymn R#437 My Country 'Tis of Thee*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

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 *The Lord Whom We Adore*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Come Down Lord*

By Stan Pethel

***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.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

With our offerings, let us co-create a circle of care, where the giving and receiving flows with grace, and where needs are creatively met. Holy Love—bless our offerings to connection, gentleness, and resiliency. Amen.

***Hymn B#1** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***Benediction**

Postlude *The Whole Armor of God*

by Lani Smith

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!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone

Call or text (774)993-9407

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 25

Memorial Day Service

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day Observed

10:00am-12:00pm ~ M &Ms in the Parlor

Saturday, May 31

6:00pm ~ Authentic Italian Night Fundraiser

Sunday, June 1

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 6

6:00pm-8:30pm ~ Community Dinner & Movie Night

FREE! Open to all!

Sunday, June 22

12pm-5pm ~ Millis Pride Bazaar

Tuesday, June 24

2:00pm-6:00pm ~ First Farmer's Market