

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.



October 27, 2024

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

Sunday October 27, 2024 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude *Come Into His Presence*

by Lynn Baird

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *A New Commandment*

***Call To Worship**

One: Lions, Tigers, and Bears, oh my!

All: Monsters of the deep and creatures that fly!

One: Seraphim, Spirits, and She-Bears, oh my!

All: All of creation bows before God's throne on high!

One: This is God's house – not the valley of the bones-dry!

All: We won't let Heaven on Earth pass us by!

***Opening Prayer** (together)

Loving God, as we gather on this Sunday before Halloween, we take a moment to acknowledge the monsters that lurk in our lives – those insidious forces of oppression that can haunt our communities and hearts. As we acknowledge this time of year when the veil between our world and the spirit realm is believed to thin, we find ourselves drawing closer to You and the saints who have gone before us. Empower us to confront the shadow that seek to divide and instill fear within us. Help us face these beasts with courage and resolve. May we lean on each other for support in this journey. As we embrace the Spirit of Halloween, we ask for Your presence and guidance to illuminate our paths like a fierce Jack-O-Lantern, frightening systems that destroy, and inspiring us to act with love and justice. Amen.

***Hymn B#461** *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 28:3-19

Sermon

***Hymn B#474** *I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me*

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 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Spirit Of God Descend Upon My Heart*

By Frederick Cook Atkinson

***Doxology** "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

Order of Service continued on back

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Gracious and Mysterious God, as we gather our gifts this Halloween-tide, we lift them up to you with joyful hearts and open spirits. We ask that you bless and multiply these offerings, transforming them into tools for service and seeds of hope in a world often filled with fear. Like the luminescent flow of a candle in a carved pumpkin, may our love and generosity shine brightly. Bless each one of us with a spirit of generosity, and let our collective offering become a source of transformation, reflecting the mystery and majesty of Your divine presence. Amen.

***Hymn B#498** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

***Benediction**

Postlude: *All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name* By Oliver Holden

Liturgy adapted from UCC Worship Ways.

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, October 27

10:00 am ~ Worship
11:00 am ~ Refreshments
11:30 am ~ Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 28 ~ M& M's

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

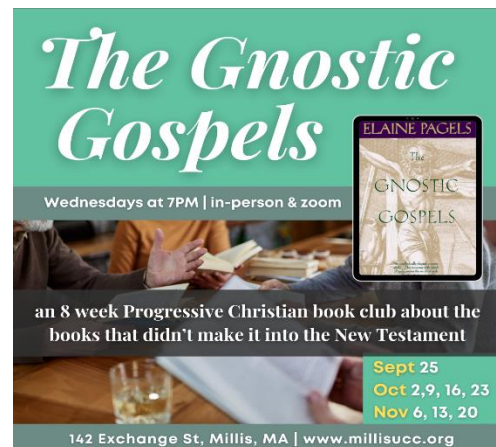
Wednesday, October 30

7:00pm Hybrid Bible Study
In the Parlor & on Zoom

Sunday, November 3

10:00 am ~ Breakfast Worship
In Fellowship Hall

All Saints Remembrances to follow
In the Sanctuary



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23 ~ Multi-Generational Open Mic Night 6-8pm

November 24 ~ Stone Soup Luncheon 11am

December 7 ~ Jolly Holly Christmas Festival 9-2pm

