

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.



March 30, 2025

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

Sunday March 30, 2025 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: *God So Loved the World*

By John Stainer

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: *A Purple Robe*

***Call To Worship**

One: Have you come far to be here today?

All: You expand our gathering: welcome!

One: Have you come from around the corner?

All: You anchor our gathering: welcome!

One: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?

All: May this worship meet you.

One: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?

All: We welcome you as you are! Let us worship God together!

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Loving God – expand the stories we tell to ourselves about this moment in time. Turn our faces from despair towards courageous possibility. Connect us to the wisdom of the prophets. Sooth our nervous systems towards the embodiment of peace. Guide us in practicing hope each day. Expand the stories we tell to ourselves about this moment in time. Amen.

***Hymn B#476** *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Luke 13:11-32

Sermon "On Perfection" by C.S. Lewis

Deacon Kathy Stevens

**Hymn B#197 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

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 *Jesus Remember Me*

A Time of Offering (This week's offering will be dedicated to our continued Missions program: One Great Hour of Sharing.)

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *The Heart of Worship*

Arr. Victor Labenske

***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)

Cosmic Love, we dedicate our gifts to the undoing of systems that create poverty and weariness. Guard us from mindless consuming towards interdependent thriving. Co-create with us sacred enoughness. Amen.

**Hymn B#204 "Take Up Your Cross" the Savior Said*

*Benediction

Postlude *Redeemer*

arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Christian Origins Book Club

Next meeting, April 13th at 11:15am, in the Parlor
Please read chapter 5 & Conclusion

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 30

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 ~ Refreshments

Monday, March 31 ~ M&M's

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

Sunday, April 6

10:00 am ~ Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 12 ~ 6:00 pm

Community Dinner & Movie

Palm Sunday, April 13 ~ 10:00am

Worship & Communion & Distribution of Palms

Thursday, April 17 ~ 6:00 pm

Potluck Dinner & Service

Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30 pm Sunrise Service

7:00 am Community Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

Saturday, April 26 ~ 7:00 pm

Talent Show

May Events TBA

Sunday, June 22 ~ 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

Millis Pride Bazaar (on the front lawn)