

# 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.



**February 2, 2025**

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

**Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 10:00am**

\*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

**Prelude** *Jesus Is the Answer*  
**Welcome/Announcements**

by Andrae Crouch

**Gathering Music:** *Christ is God's Never Changing Yes*

**\*Call To Worship**

One: What beauty, what wonder—

**All: We are threads woven together**

One: In the vast fabric of the cosmos. Starstuff on this blue marble  
we call home,

**All: One united celestial body.**

One: Unique in our gifts, diverse in our journeys,

**All: Yet bound by the same Holy Love—**

One: Stirring our compassion, strengthening our connection,

**All: Illuminating hope through our lives.**

**\*Opening Prayer (together)**

**Cosmic Love, awaken within us the unique gifts we are meant to share with our communities—gifts rooted in mutual care and the flourishing of all. Free our work from the grip of systems that glorify busyness, feed the ego, and promote excess. Bring us together in harmony, in both effort and rest, so that no part of our collective body is overburdened, forgotten, or left untapped. May we joyfully cultivate our talents and refine our skills, becoming instruments of service to the greater family of life. Praise be to our God of Compassion! Amen.**

**\*Hymn B-61 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost**

**A Time for God's Children of All Ages**

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Scripture Reading** John 2:1-11

**Sermon-** Light of the World, Life of the Party

**Hymn** B-540 *We Plant A Grain of Mustard Seed*

## **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** *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness*

By Keith Getty & Stuart Towend

**\*Doxology**

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)

**Steadfast Hope, we weep as we witness the devastation of**

**war and the collapse wrought by climate change. The pain of**

others resonates deeply within our spirits—the reefs dying, the homes reduced to ashes, the rivers spilling over their banks, the imprisoned soul. It is all of us. Undo the lies we have absorbed about our disconnection from one another. Bless our offerings, O God, and guide us toward our shared freedom. Amen.

## **Sacrament of Communion**

### **Invitation**

One: The Holy One be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**All: We open our hearts to you, O God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God, our life-breath

**All: To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!**

### **Sharing the Elements**

**Communion Music:** Music for Meditation

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it sustain us as we confront evil that keeps us from living the lives you intended for us and for all your creatures and creations. Until every life can be lived abundantly, be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.**

*\*Hymn B-461 Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Amen, Amen*

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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**

### **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!

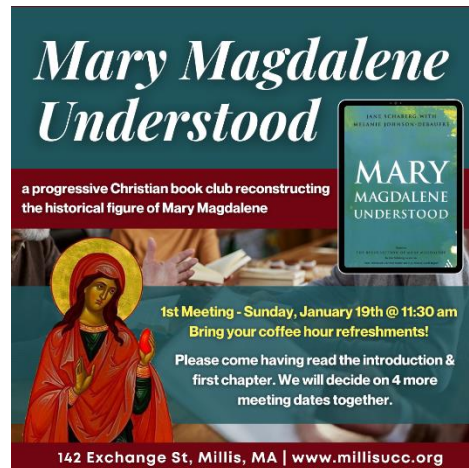
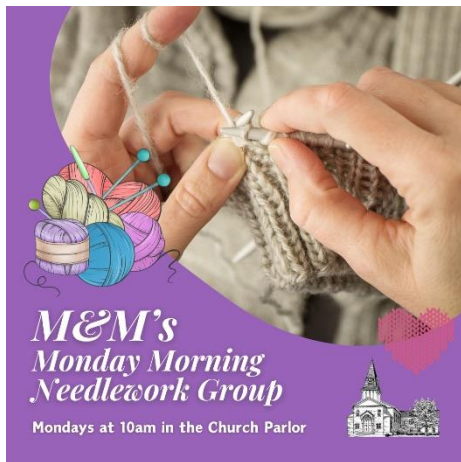
### **Pastoral Emergencies**

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

Call or text (774)993-9407

### **Christian Origins Book Club**

Grab a coffee hour snack and bring it with you to the Parlor.  
Join us February 2nd after Worship



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday February 2**

10:00 am ~ Worship and Communion

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

### **Monday February 3 ~ M & M's**

10:00am-Noon in the Parlor

### **Sunday February 9**

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Annual Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Saturday February 22**

5:00pm-8:00pm~ Chili Cook-off & Movie Night

### **Friday March 7**

6:30 Trivia Night

