

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.



January 12, 2025

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

Sunday January 12, 2025 at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: *Awesome God*

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: Gather Us In

***Call To Worship**

One: Through the waters of baptism, God calls us to wade into the way of the Sacred.

All: In community, we are claimed as beloved and invited into new life.

One: The waters are sometimes calm, flowing slowly and easily.

All: They remind us who we are, together. God delights in us.

One: The waters are sometimes swiftly moving.

All: They lead us in the direction of peace and justice.

One: The waters are sometimes raging.

All: They beckon us to live courageously, to choose practices of radical love.

One: Through all of life's changes and challenges,

All: The promises of God uphold us. We are claimed, eternally, as kin in Christ.

***Opening Prayer (together)**

Holy One, just as you took on flesh to live in solidarity with the suffering, so you call upon us to do so with and for each other. Help us to listen to what is asked of us and to speak of what we need. Lead us, O God, toward actions rooted in deep, meaningful relationships, so that we may fully live in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn B#436** *God of Grace And God Of Glory*

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon The Day Jesus Took the Plunge

***Hymn R#68** *I Sing The Mighty Power Of God*

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 Instrumental

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Give Thank*

***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

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

God, you have called us to join you on a wild endeavor. The way is not easy but your promises endure. In gratitude for your companionship with us, your presence that manifests justice, leads us in the direction of life, and comforts us when the losses are many, receive these offerings. Bless them to the work of Kingdom. Amen.

Hymn B#82 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Grab a coffee hour snack and bring it with you to the Parlor. New Year, new book, and a new meeting time!

Join us starting January 19th at 11:30am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 12

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am~ Refreshments

Monday, January 13 ~ M& M's

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

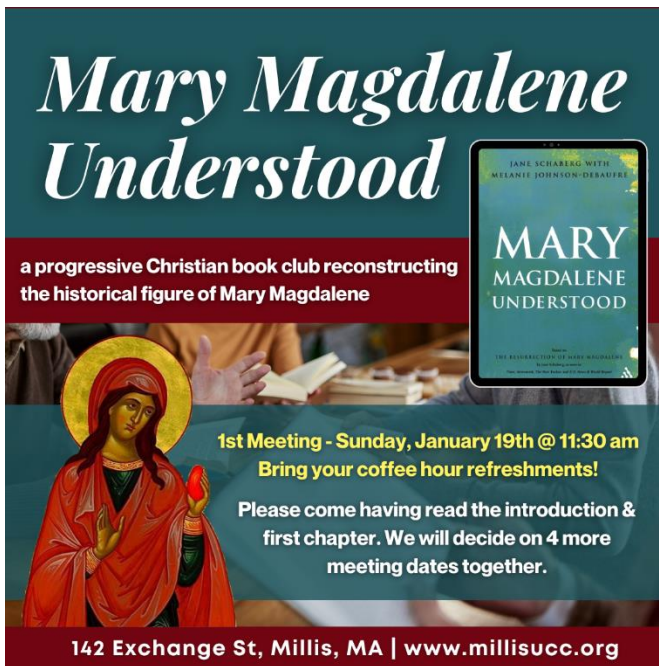
Sunday, January 19

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

11:30 am ~ Christian Origins Book Club

Meets in the Parlor



Mary Magdalene Understood

a progressive Christian book club reconstructing the historical figure of Mary Magdalene

1st Meeting - Sunday, January 19th @ 11:30 am
Bring your coffee hour refreshments!

Please come having read the introduction & first chapter. We will decide on 4 more meeting dates together.

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Join the choir!

Rehearsal Sundays 9AM
followed by Singing in worship at 10AM

Do you love to sing?!

No audition or musical experience required. Come make a joyful noise!

NOTE: No choir rehearsal on January 12th as Becki will be away.

Becki Waters Abalutzk,
Music Director