# 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 9, 2025

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

## Sunday March 9, 2025 at 10:00am

\*Indicates standing if you are able B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: There is a Fountain

by David Paxton

#### Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music: Lord Jesus Who Through Forty Days

## \*Call To Worship

One: We cry out to God of justice and mercy:

- All: Deliver us from evil and guide us on your path of Love.
- One: For God is our refuge, the One who brings us freedom.
- All: She comforts us in grief and leads us through despair.
- One: She rises when oppression weighs us down.
- All: God will guide us through the wilderness to abundant life.

## \*Opening Prayer (together)

Loving God, you see us fully—our desires, our intentions, and the struggles we carry. You meet us in those vulnerable places with strength and hope, reminding us that we are never alone. When fear, doubt, or pride try to pull us away, empower us to stand firm and trust in your guidance. Through Christ, who leads us with compassion and redemption, we pray. Amen.

\*Hymn B#439 Mighty Fortress is Our God

## 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 Reading Luke 4:1-13

Sermon "Wilderness Toolkit"

#### \*Hymn B#190 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#### 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 Lead Me, Lord

#### A Time of Offering

#### Invitation

Offertory Anthem There is a Balm in Gilead

by Charity Book Putnam \*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)

God who walks with us, God who redeems, God who promises renewal, we come before you. We offer all that we are and all that we have to the work of your boundless Love. May your Spirit bless these offerings, guiding them to serve your purpose and bring hope to those in need. Work through us, inspiring our actions and uniting our hearts, so that together we may help make your kin-dom a reality here on Earth. Amen.

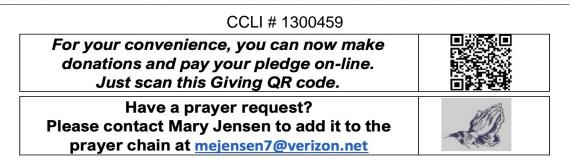
\*Hymn R#169 My Song is Love Unknown

## \*Benediction

Postlude The Wonderful Cross

arr. Carol Tornquist

Please stay for fellowship following the service.



## **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, March 9<sup>th</sup> 11:15am, in the Parlor Please read chapters 2 & 3



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Sunday, March 9

10:00 am ~ Worship 11:15 am ~ Christian Origins Book Club

#### Monday, March 10 ~ M& M's

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

## Sunday, March 16

10:00 am ~ Worship

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, March 21 ~ 6:00 pm Community Dinner & Movie

Saturday, April 26 ~ 7:00 pm Talent Show

### Sunday, June 22 ~ 12:00 pm-5:00 pm Millis Pride Bazaar (on the front lawn)





