

*With the grace of God,
we will cultivate a compassionate
community that loves like Jesus,
grows in faith and serves those
in need.*

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: the one who sang a new melody as God's Creation rose from Chaos, who wept at the dark shadow of a cross, and who danced early in the morning, at the opening of an empty tomb,

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: the one who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or breath, the one who blesses the Church with courage, peace, and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: to us, who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts. Teach us to sing a new song and to dance with reckless abandon.

Leader: Here in this gathering of believers, as you did with those so long ago, - breathe on us now.

All: Breathe through us,

Leader: blowing away our fears and our hesitations.

All: Breathe through us,

Leader: transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.

All: Breathe through us,

Leader: for we need peace, peace that only you can give.

In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

*** WE SING A HYMN**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"
Bell Choir then Congregation
Black #223 v 1&3*

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Greetings

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

3RD GRADE BIBLE DEDICATION AND CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE:

JOHN 14:15-19 AND 25-26

**SERMON TITLE: EXPLORING THE APOSTLE'S CREED SERIES-WEEK 3:
"HOLY SPIRIT"**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONDING IN SONG:

*"A Dove's Journey"
By Jim Bryda*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"Spirit of the Living God"

*** THE DOXOLOGY**

WE DEPART TO DO GOD'S WORK

*** BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

*** CLOSING HYMN**

*"Spirit in the Sky"
By Norman Greenbaum*

*** WE BLESS EACH OTHER**

*"God Be with You"
Using ASL*

*** POSTLUDE**

Those in Need of Prayer

CCUCC MEMBERS: John Schaeffer, Glenn Owen, Jessica Parsons, Chris Rothgery, Ed Lotko, Marge Ward, Marilyn Parker, Adam Szudarek, Judy Hutchinson, Shirley Gilreath, Holly McCain, Karen Boas, Sally Hartley, Mary Miller, Terry Bruce, Jane Stilgenbauer and John Bassett

Friends of CCUCC: Julie (Wiencke) Bober and family, Karl, Rachel, Lucas, Dana, Denny, Katherine, Bill, Dal, Maureen, Aaron, Grace, Lori, Matt, Kristine, Lauri, Donna, Missy, Tracy, Ken, Kat, Levi, Glenda, Tracey, Paul, Sara, Sharon L., Ron P., Sharon, Tanna, Ken P., Don, Dee, Jami, Carol, Jill and Larry, Josh, Bruce, Aaron, Naomi, Michael, Dave, Linda, Ron, Mike, and Matt M

Upcoming Events

Sunday:

Third Grade Bible Dedication
Jr. and High School Classes
Family Bowling Park Lanes 2-4pm

Monday:

Amherst Community Meal @ 5:00pm

Tuesday:

Guitar Club @ 6:30pm
Finance @ 6:00pm

Wednesday:

Choir practice @ 6pm
Bell practice @ 7pm
Girl Scouts @ 6 pm

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study Group 7-9am
Woman's Bible Study Group @ 10:00am
Hospitality @ 5:30pm
Circle of Moms @ 6:00pm
Buildings & Grounds @ 6:30pm



Love Like Jesus

EASTER LILIES: Purchase Easter Lilies for \$10 each in honor or memory of a loved one. Envelopes are provided in the church. Fill out and drop in the offering basket on Sundays. You may also give your order to the Office Manager. Deadline to order is Sunday March 29.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please email all prayer requests to the office at office@theccucc.org before **Thursday at 10am**. If a prayer request is needed between Friday afternoon and Sunday morning, please directly contact Pastor Brian at 336-420-7840

UPPER ROOM: We have copies of the **MAR/APR** Upper Room available in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact the office via email at office@theccucc.org if you would like a copy mailed to you.

VOCAL CHOIR: Choir practices every **Wednesday evening at 6pm**.

BELL CHOIR: Bells practice every **Wednesday evening at 7pm**.



Grow in Faith

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: You can find a copy of the Lenten Devotional on our website. Visit theccucc.org and click on the LENT button on the top of the page.

MEN'S BIBLE GROUP: The men's group will meet on every Thursday at Commando Coffee Co., formally Sandstone Coffee, in Amherst from 7am-9am. Pastor Brian Russell will lead the group.

WOMEN'S BIBLE GROUP: The women's group will meet on Wednesday, March 19th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Cindy Bryda will lead the group.

VBS: Save the date! The 2026 VBS "Rainforest Falls" Exploring the nature of God will be the week of July 13-17th from 9am until noon. Registration will begin April 1st.

Worship Participants & Staff

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9:00m to 12:00pm

Emily Marty	Music Director
Jim Bryda	Guitar
Crosby Marty.....	Cello
Choir, Brian & Elizabeth Russell.....	Vocals
Max Lotko	Bell Choir Director
Cindi Manning	Office Manager
Melissa Thompson	Youth Director
John Herrmann	AV Production Manager

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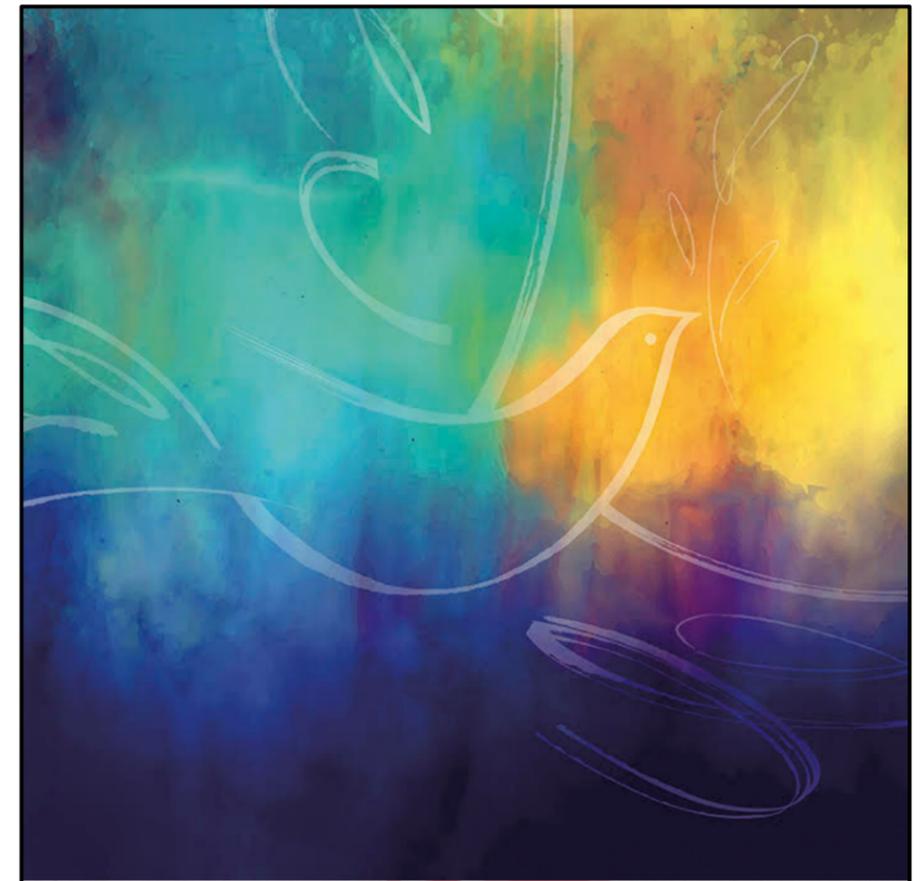
A large print Bible & hymnal are available upon request.



Serve Those in Need

AMHERST COMMUNITY MEAL: Monday at 5:30pm

MISSION OF THE MONTH: One Great Hour of Sharing
One Great Hour of Sharing is 5 for 5 Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.



MARCH 8, 2026

Love. Serve. Grow.