



*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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Many: Today we gather as one, in answer to God's will.

One: God's presence brings us all together in peace.

Many: God's love endures all things and connects all things.

One: We gather together despite our differences, despite our disagreements...

Many: Jesus taught us how to overcome the powers of darkness that work to divide us.

One: god's breath, God's life, God's spirit breathes life into us and connect us in spirit.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

All: Let us worship together our God, who hold us together and makes us one. Amen!

*** OPENING HYMN** *"Be the Neighbor"*
by Mason Wagner

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE** Greetings

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 3: 12 - 17

SERMON TITLE: "BE THE NEIGHBOR"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONDING IN SONG: *"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"*
By Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

COMMUNION *"Aloha Oe' "*
By Queen Lili'uokalani'

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *"Set a Fire Down in My Soul"*

*** THE DOXOLOGY**

WE DEPART TO DO GOD'S WORK

*** BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

*** CLOSING HYMN** *"One Love"*
By Bob Marley

*** WE BLESS EACH OTHER** *"God Be with You"*
Using ASL

*** POSTLUDE**

Those in Need of Prayer

CCUCC MEMBERS:

John Bassett, Holly McCain, Adam Szudarek, Karen Boaz, Glen Owen, Elaine Valentine, Terry Bruce, Marilyn Parker, Marge Ward, Sally Hartley Jessica Parsons, Judy Hutchinson, Chris Rothgery, Ed Lotko, and Jane Stilgenbauer

FRIENDS OF CCUCC:

Cindy, Dee, Kelly, Brenda, Laura, Tanya, Brad, Karon, Michael, Doug, Sue

PRAISE REPORTS:

Robin

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY:

Guitar Club @ 6:30pm

THURSDAY:

Men's Bible Study Group @ 7am

Hospitality @ 5:30pm

Next Sunday, July 12, 2026, is our annual outdoor worship at Lakeview Park in Lorain.



Love Like Jesus

MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND: At the family's request, a memorial fund for our music program has been established in memory of Mary Miller. If you would like to contribute, clearly mark your envelope "In Memory of Mary Miller" and it will be added to the fund. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please email all prayer requests to the office at office@theccucc.org before **Thursday at 10am**. Requests can also be submitted by filling out the form in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAISE REPORTS: Please share with us how God has blessed you or a loved one! Forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary, or you can email office@theccucc.org before **Thursday at 10am**.

UPPER ROOM: We have copies of the **JULY/AUGUST** 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.



Grow in Faith

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 July 2nd and 16th at 10:00 am this month.

VBS: Enroll NOW! The 2026 VBS "Rainforest Falls" Exploring the nature of God will be the week of July 13-17th from 9am until noon. Register at www.theccucc.org and click the VBS 2026 button at the top. Contact Beth Naro at 440-396-9220 for questions or concerns

Worship Participants & Staff

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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Rev. Brian Russell
Minister
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Emily Marty	Music Director
Jim Bryda	Bass
Brian Russell	Guitar
John Herrmann, Krys Mackowski, Marylen Marty, Brian & Elizabeth Russell, Ruby Schaeffer, Adam Szudarek	Vocals
Jack Herrmann, Marylen Marty, Ruby Schaeffer, Aiden Sisler, Jonah Thompson	Ukelele
Nancy Golden	Flute
Max Lotko	Bell Choir Director
Cindi Manning	Treasurer
Melissa Thompson	Youth Director
John Herrmann	AV Production Manager

Please silence your cell phones.

If able, stand where marked with an asterisk (*).

A large print Bible & hymnal are available upon request.



Serve Those in Need

MISSION OF THE MONTH: BLOOD:WATER MISSION

Blood:Water is an international nonprofit that partners with African community-driven organizations to end water and HIV/AIDS health disparities through organizational strengthening and financial support.



Be The
NEIGHBOR



 **COMMUNITY
CONGREGATIONAL**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

JULY 5, 2026

Love. Grow. Serve.