

*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:**

Leader: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

**All: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!**

Leader: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

**All: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**

Leader: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

**All: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.**

**\* WE SING A HYMN**                      *"God's Eye Is on the Sparrow "*  
Black #475

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**                      Greetings

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**PRAYERS OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE:**    *EPHESIANS 4:25-31*

**SERMON TITLE:**    **EXPLORING THE APOSTLE'S CREED SERIES-WEEK 5:  
"THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS"**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONDING IN SONG:**    *"Forgiveness"*  
By Matthew West

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING:**    *"River"*  
By Leon Bridges

**\* THE DOXOLOGY**

**WE DEPART TO DO GOD'S WORK**

**\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**    *"Put a Little Love in Your Heart"*  
By Julie Miller

**\* 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

Please pray for Becky Bruce and her family as they grieve the unexpected loss of Becky's sister, Elizabeth.

**Friends of CCUCC:** Julie (Wiencke) Bober and family, Karl, Rachel, Lucas, Dana, Denny, 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, Carol, Jill and Larry, Josh, Bruce, Aaron, Naomi, Michael, Dave, Linda, Ron, Mike, and Matt M

*Upcoming Events*

**Sunday:**  
Lorain Community Meal @ 12:30pm

**Tuesday:**  
Guitar Club @ 6:30pm

**Wednesday:**  
Choir practice @ 6pm  
Bell practice @ 7pm

**Thursday:**  
Men's Bible Study Group 7-9am  
Governance Meeting 7:00pm

**IMPORTANT ROAD CLOSINGS**  
Church Street, only at railroad overpass,  
will be closed on March 23 for 12 days.

South Main Street, only at railroad overpass,  
will be closed on March 30 for 365 days

PLEASE leave a little early for services  
and follow detour signs.



## 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.

**PALM SUNDAY ANNUAL BRUNCH:** Join us as we gather to celebrate community and friendship. Hospitality will serve meat and beverages. Please bring your own place setting and side, salad, or dessert to share.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please email all prayer requests to the office at [office@theccucc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Service at 7:00pm

**FELLOWSHIPE SUPPER CLUB:** Monday, April 6 at 6:15pm. Dinner is \$10. Carol Matthews, Director of Camp Ideas, will be our presenter. Be sure to bring your pop tabs. Reservations are due Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> to Kathy Summers at 440-787-9013.

## Worship Participants & Staff

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

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

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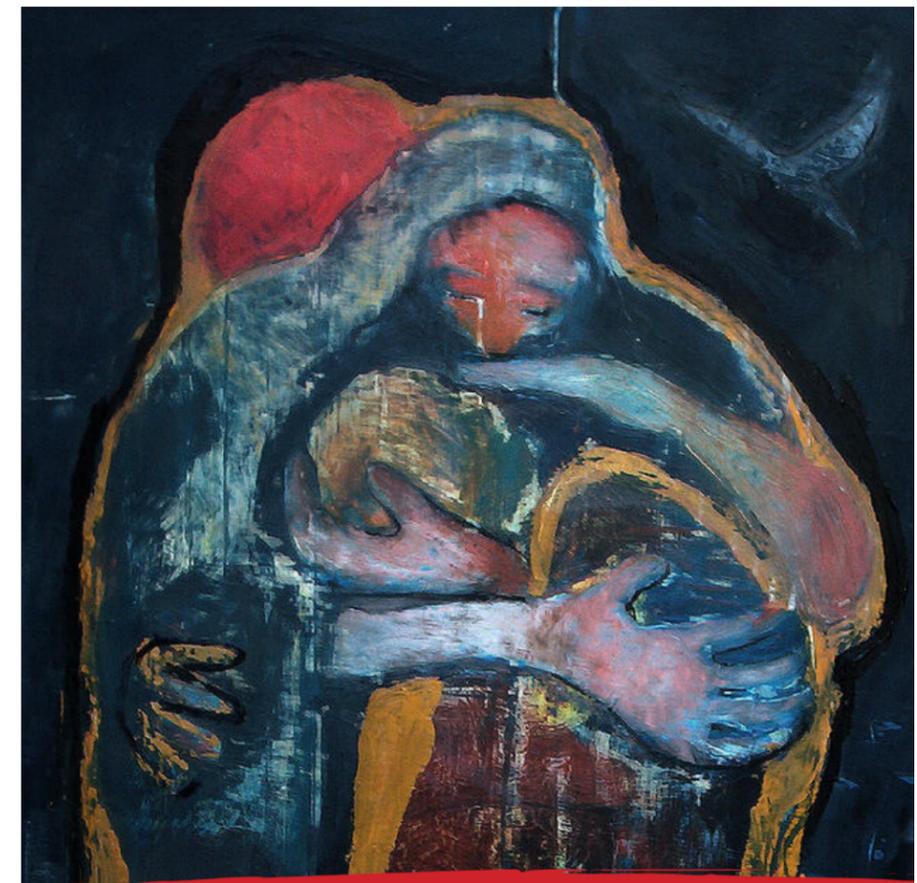
A large print Bible & hymnal are available upon request.



## Serve Those in Need

**LORAIN COMMUNITY MEAL:** Sunday, March 22 @ 12:30 pm

**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 22, 2026

*Love. Serve. Grow.*