



STORRS  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

## A Service of the Word

February 15, 2015 ✦ 10:00 a.m.



*"Transfiguration" (painting), 1973, by JESUS MAFA*

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey  
God welcomes you... and so do we***

*The order for worship begins on page 3*

## **W**elcome to the Storrs Congregational Church, United Church of Christ!

Whether you are here for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. The cover of this bulletin reads, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat with us. Introduce yourself to other members or to one of our pastors. There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

**If You Are New Here...** Please take a moment to stop by the Welcome Table in the main entranceway of the Meeting House (sanctuary), where we would love to be able to get to know you a little better. Also, we’d love to have you for conversation and refreshments after the service!

**These May Help During the Service...** If you would like a **large-print** copy of the bulletin and hymns, need a hearing-assist device, would like seat or back cushions, or are looking for a wheelchair or accessible seating, please ask an usher. **The restroom in this building** is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the chancel (in the northeast corner of the building).

**Thank you for turning off cell phones, pagers, and beepers, and also for refraining from flash photography.**

**Children, too, are welcome at all services.** It is important for families to worship together. Don’t feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, “faith is caught, not taught!”

For families who prefer, though, we offer Sunday School faith formation programming for grades K through 8 most Sundays, September through June, and a playground activity during the summer break with journeyers leaving worship after the children’s moment. We also have a nursery available for the youngest among us—just ask an usher for directions.

## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Our journey through Ordinary Time this winter began with Jesus' baptism and ends, as we transition into Lent this Wednesday, with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now, at the transfiguration, Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, the apostle Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

*As you are able, whether in body or in spirit, **please rise** for those parts marked with an asterisk **\*\****

*Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices, and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection*

**Prelude** — “Fairest Lord Jesus”, Silesian Folk tune arr. Wood

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

### Greeting

*One:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

*One:* The glory of God shines  
like a consuming fire.

*Many:* **We have seen the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*One:* The voice of God thunders  
like a mighty storm.

*Many:* **Out of the cloud, God speaks:  
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

**\* Hymn** — “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*New Century Hymnal (black) #86*

**\* Prayer of the Day**

*One:* Let us pray.

*Many:* **Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow in your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\* The Peace**

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you all.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to share signs of Christ’s peace with those around them.*

*We suggest greeting with words like “Peace be with you,” and responding “and also with you.”*

**Words of Welcome & News from our Life Together**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**The Early Word & The Lord’s Prayer**

*The Rev. Nancy McLaren*

*Many:* **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.**

*Children who wish to participate in Sunday School (grades PreK-7) are invited to leave at this time.*

**RESPONSE — “Glory to God”**

**GLORIA (Taizé)**

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*pew bibles, p. 939*

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry

### Psalter — Psalm 99

*spoken responsively*

*One:* The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

*Many:* **The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

**Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.**

*One:* O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

*Many:* **Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.**

*One:* Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD;  
they called upon you, and you answered them,  
you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

*Many:* **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.  
Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

### Scripture Reading — Mark 9:2-9

*pew bibles, p. 820*

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved son.

### Sermon — "Changing Visions"

*The Rev. Matthew Emery*

### \* Hymn — "O How Glorious, Full of Wonder"

*New Century Hymnal (black) #558*

## RESPONSE

*We begin our life of responding to the gospel through prayer and offering*

### Responding with our Gifts

*As the morning offering is collected, prayers of either joy or concern may be written on the lavender prayer request cards found in the pew rack and placed in the offering plates as they are passed.*

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM – “Walk in the Light” arr. André Thomas

*Adult Choir*

*Refrain:* We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright,  
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! The herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
“Glory to the newborn King”, Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus the Light of the world. *Refrain*

#### \* PRESENTING OUR GIFTS — The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Many:** We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all creation. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People: Thanksgivings and Intercessions

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

\* Hymn — “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”

*Pilgrim Hymnal (red) #147*

\* Benediction

Postlude — “Te Deum” by Charpentier

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Be Our Guest!** Come on over to the Parish House Lounge for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! The Lounge is located in the set of buildings to the west of the Meeting House. Follow the crowds on over, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!

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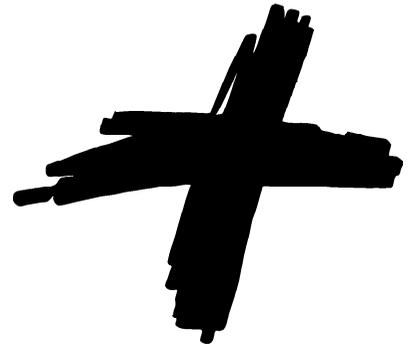
## Ash Wednesday

*This Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Services at 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm.*

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the Easter mysteries of Christ’s death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness

Plan to take part in Ash Wednesday services, our annual introduction to the Season of Lent, a rich and deep liturgy *not* to miss.



## Life at SCC...

### Today...

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir (MH)  
9:00 a.m. Adult Forum (CE – 201)  
**10:00 a.m. Worship (MH)**  
*after worship* Conversation and refreshments  
(PH – Lounge)  
*after worship* Library open (CE – Library)  
11:30 a.m. UCC Uconn Meeting (CE – Library)  
4:30 p.m. Storrs Korean Church (PH – Lounge)

MH = Meeting House CE = Christian Education Bldg.  
PH = Parish House

### Worship

**Festival Worship:** *Every Sunday, 10 am.*

**Ash Wednesday:** *Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, with services at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm in the Meeting House.*

**Manna in the Wilderness – Mid-week Communion:** A contemplative time of worship and Holy Communion in the Waggoner Chapel, each Wednesday during Lent, 5:45 – 6:15 pm, beginning Feb 25<sup>th</sup>.

**About today's cover art:** JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings. See: [jesusmafa.com](http://jesusmafa.com) and [SocialTheology.com](http://SocialTheology.com).

### Assisting in today's service ...

*Liturgist:* Duffy Brookes

*Greeter:* Brenda Bergen

*Ushers:* Cheryl Roy, Nancy Rucker, Chauncy Rucker, Dan Wilson

*Fellowship:* Marsha Creese

*Welcome Table Host:* Paul Schur

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion:** All are welcome, including children, to share in the feast at Christ's table. Currently, we celebrate Communion during the 10 AM Festival Worship on the first Sunday of each month and certain other holy days.

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:** We gladly offer the sign and seal of God's grace in the waters of baptism, both to the children of parents on the journey of Christian faith and discipleship and to adults of any age coming to that journey themselves for the first time. *For more information, contact either Pastor Matt or Pastor Nancy.*

**The Sunday Flower Calendar** is in the lobby nearest the elevator in the Parish House. Donating flowers is a special way to remember loved ones and special events. The cost is \$15. Put your name by a date and send the message you wish for the bulletin to: [sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org](mailto:sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org).

**The language of worship** is rich and diverse, and yet always inadequate to express the fullness of the divine. In our worship life, we strive to use inclusive language for humanity and expansive imagery for the divine, while respecting the poetry and imagery of texts handed down to us from the ages. Honoring our diversity, in those places where we speak or sing together, worshippers may use language with which they are comfortable or familiar.

### Learn

**Inquirers' Sessions:** If you want to deepen your participation, become a covenant member of the congregation, or just love Storrs Congregational and want to learn

more, it's time to think about Inquirers' Sessions. ***We are gathering candidates for our next Inquirers' Session now.*** Contact Pastor Matt if you are interested!

**Adult Formation: Kairos Palestine:** *continuing this Sunday, through February 15, 11:30 am (following worship).* Join us for a study of *Kairos Palestine*, a Christian perspective on the struggle for justice in Israel/Palestine, led by Pastor Nancy. For more info, contact Pastor Nancy: [nancy@storrsconchurch.org](mailto:nancy@storrsconchurch.org) or 860-429-9382 XII.

**Adult Formation: Bible 101 – Making Sense of the Bible:** *continues for 3 more Wednesdays, through March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the SCC Library. (No session on February 18<sup>th</sup>)* Enrollment for the current series is now full, but for more info about future offerings of this series, contact Pastor Matt: [matt@storrsconchurch.org](mailto:matt@storrsconchurch.org)

**Justice LED Workshop:** *March 14<sup>th</sup>.* An opportunity to engage with the UCC's highly-regarded "Justice LED" (Justice Leaders Engaging and Developing) program is coming up right here in Mansfield, and you can be part of a team from SCC that's taking part.

Meeting 8:30 to 4:00 at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC down in Mansfield Center, we will: explore the biblical mandate to "go up river"; examine what helps and hinders us from fully responding to God's call to "do justice"; learn from each other how we can become more effective advocates for justice and peace while continuing our acts of mercy; and strategize how justice may be incorporated into the life and ministry of our church.

The Justice LED training is offered to support teams of local church members—laity and clergy—who wish to infuse more faith-based justice conversations, education, skills and opportunities into their respective ministries and communities. Leading justice is a collaborative effort; it's most effective to learn with a team.

*To join our SCC team attending, or for more info, contact Pastor Matt A.S.A.P. (and no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>)*

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## Serve

**Foodshare Volunteers needed:** *Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m., Wright's Village.* Foodshare is a necessary part of this community and if you've never had the opportunity to help out, now is the time! At this time of extreme cold, volunteers are extremely important – not only handing out food but helping people carry their bags and running groceries to vehicles for folks that require that assistance. The whole event takes no more than 1 hour but can seriously change the way that you see hunger in our community! Help is also appreciated with our Bread Ministry.

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## Meet

**Pancake Supper (Shrove Tuesday):** *Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.* The Christian Education board invites you to a pre-Lent Pancake Supper. Enjoy breakfast for dinner! Come with a good appetite! Please note that if the weather is questionable, an all-church email will be sent out with updates.

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## Pray

### *New this week...*

- For the families of the victims of this week's **shootings in Chapel Hill**, North Carolina; and for all of us in this country and around the world, that we may be seekers of greater interreligious understanding and solidarity.
- In thanksgiving for a successful knee surgery and recovery journey for **Malta Bailey**, and for continued healing and strengthening.
- In thanksgiving for the life of **Lois Carruth**, who passed away last weekend. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!
- In thanksgiving for the creativity of the human spirit.
- For healing and liberation amidst our fear-filled world.
- For all those who go to bear witness in the world's places of pain.
- For our UCC/Disciples Global Ministries work in **Mexico**, and for **Lindsey Mercer**, our mission personnel there, serving with the Institute for Intercultural Studies and Research (INESIN) in Chiapas as the assistant to the Program for Institutional Strengthening.

### *Ongoing...*

- For **Lillian Mason**, now under hospice care.
- For continued recuperation and recovery for **Duwayne Keller**.
- For all of us in our nation, of all races and backgrounds, as we continue to suffer under the pernicious evils of systemic and institutionalized racism.
- For those suffering from the **Ebola epidemic**, and for those medical and aid workers helping to combat it.
- For **Israel-Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan**, and all other places facing continuing violence.

- For all **those facing unemployment**, underemployment, or financial insecurity.
- For vision, courage, care, imagination, and a Christ-filled spirit among us as we explore governance change.
- For those connected to our congregation on active service in the military: **Matt Allen, Matthew Ducharme, Michael Gorreck, Chip Greer, Joel Higley, John A. Prior Jr., Francis Kimenyi, Jared Muth, Eric Stailing, Marta Tanaka, Paul Tanaka, and Lamont Ward**.
- For those of our congregation who are homebound, in long-term nursing care, or otherwise unable to be with us regularly in worship: **Sylvia Beldan, Lois Carruth, Willard Daniels, Ruth Johnston, Matilda Kramer, Trudy Lamb, Lillian Mason, Peggy Muth, Blanca Ryan**.

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## Other news & notes

**Library Notes:** February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and we begin our time of preparation for the greater celebration on Easter Sunday. During this time you can consider your library as a source of strength, suggestions and traditions for the Lenten Season. Children can find explanations of the “big questions” and so this means there are also books for parents and for those without immediate family no matter your age. There are some wonderful devotional books if you are looking for a more disciplined approach to the season. Travel the route and times of Jesus in a selection of books about Biblical times.

**Request from Christian Ed:** The Advent Season has drawn to a close. The Christian Education Board requests that you return your advent wreath (not including the candles) to the boxes across from the nursery. We will reuse the materials next year. Thank you!

## Ongoing at SCC...

**Sunday School:** *Sundays, during the 10:00 am worship service. Grades pre-K through 7. Contact: Pastor Nancy.*

**Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (JPF):** *Meets as announced. Community, fun, faith formation, and discipleship for students grades 5 to 8. Contact: Pastor Nancy.*

**Senior Pilgrim Fellowship (SPF):** *Every-other Sunday, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Community, fun, faith formation, and discipleship for students grades 9 to 12. Contact: Pastor Nancy.*

**Sunday Adult Forum:** *Sundays, 9 am. Gather each Sunday morning for conversation around topics in theology and faith. Contact: Kate Alexander at [ktla2011@aol.com](mailto:ktla2011@aol.com).*

**C.A.F.E. Storrs:** *Wednesdays, 10:30 am. At “Coffee And Faith Exploration,” delve deeply into the bible readings for the week. Contact: Pastor Nancy.*

**Women on the Way:** *Selected Tuesdays, 5:30 pm. A faith formation gathering time for women of all ages. Contact: Pastor Nancy.*

**Service Sewing:** *Mondays, 9:30 am. Contact: Marjorie Brown at [lynn.r.brown@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynn.r.brown@sbcglobal.net) or Patty Tanaka at [patty.tanaka33@yahoo.com](mailto:patty.tanaka33@yahoo.com).*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** *4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10:00 am. Contact: Jennie Talbot at [jitalbot@gmail.com](mailto:jitalbot@gmail.com)*

**Parish Piecers: A Quilt Group:** *meets Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Share a time of quilting and fellowship where all levels of experience (or none at all) are welcome. Contact: Juanita Hall at [juanitaquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:juanitaquilts@hotmail.com)*

**Call to Care:** *At times of illness, hospitalization, death, employment changes, and other challenges, as well as at times of joy like births, CTC ministers through material and relational support. Share about your own or others' needs, and our network of volunteers for meals, transportation, visitations, prayers, card and phone communications and more will step into action. And... we are *always* open to new volunteers of all ages and talents, always working with the ways you feel comfortable serving. Contact: Pam Roberts at [drpamptSCC@charter.net](mailto:drpamptSCC@charter.net).*

**Sunday Morning Roles:** *Serve as a liturgist, usher, greeter, or fellowship hour host. Contact: Deborah Gacek at [sccoffice@storrscongregation.org](mailto:sccoffice@storrscongregation.org).*

**Adult Choir:** *Thursdays, 7:30 pm, and Sundays, 9:00 am. Contact: Trisha Snyder at [trisha@storrscongregation.org](mailto:trisha@storrscongregation.org).*

**Adult Handbells:** *Thursdays, 6:30 pm. Contact: Trisha Snyder at [trisha@storrscongregation.org](mailto:trisha@storrscongregation.org).*

**Instrumentalists:** *Youth or adult, if you play an instrument, we'd love to have your talents. Contact: Trisha Snyder at [trisha@storrscongregation.org](mailto:trisha@storrscongregation.org).*

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## This Week

**Monday ~ Office & Buildings closed**  
**in observance of President's Day**

- 7:00 p.m. Finance Board (CE – Library)

### Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 5:30 p.m. Pancake Dinner ~ Shrove Tuesday (PH – Auditorium)

### Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Parish Piecers (CE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- 10:30 a.m. C.A.F.E. Storrs (CE – Library)
- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (MH)

### Thursday

- 11:30 a.m. Foodshare Distribution (Wright's Village)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells (MH – Balcony)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir (MH – Chancel)

### Saturday

- 1:00 p.m. Pick-A-Party: Chinese New Year Dumplings Demo (Auditorium)

### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir (MH)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum (CE – 201)
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship (MH)**
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## UCC Mission Moment

**Compassionate Community:** The United Church of Christ won gold in being the first religious denomination to be a major sponsor of the International Gay Games, which took place in Cleveland, Ohio last August.

“It’s a win-win offer of support that will enable the United Church of Christ to be listed among the Gay Games’ top corporate sponsors,” the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, the first openly-gay national officer of the UCC, said prior to the Games. “[Gay Games] organizers realize that the UCC can play an integral and important role in dispelling the pervasive myth that all people of faith are anti-gay, and we are excited to share our message of extravagant welcome and radical inclusivity.”

The sponsorship by the national setting of the church extended to co-sponsorship opportunities for local churches who wanted to lend their support. One of the first to sign on was Naples UCC in Naples, FL. The Rev. Dawson Taylor, the church’s associate minister, said, “For the denomination to be first is always exciting, but when the local churches have a tangible opportunity to also be part of one of those firsts, that is even more exciting,” said Taylor. “It’s in line with who we are as an ONA [Open and Affirming] congregation, and it’s in line with who we are as part of the UCC. We wanted to show support for this innovative ministry and a different way of being Christ for people.”

*Mission Moments, produced by the Local Church Ministries unit of the United Church of Christ, tell a story each week about our congregation’s connection with the wider church. These Moments, and the ministries whose stories they tell, are made possible through our gifts to Our Church’s Wider Mission, the basic mission funding of the United Church of Christ at the regional and national settings.*

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**We envision our community as a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community.** We are an Open and Affirming congregation: Believing that each of us is unique and blessed with special talents from God, each a creation of God’s love, alike and yet different, we open our doors and our ministry to *all*. We accept into full participation in the life of this Church: people of any age, economic status, gender, marital status, race, sexual orientation, and physical, emotional and mental capability. As a community, we will work to put aside all prejudices and to affirm and promote the worth and dignity of each person.

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