

Welcome to Church of Christ - August 9, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
We are honored to worship God with you today!

Welcome

Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!

Prelude

~Kenny Storrs

Call to Worship

~Bill Eckert

Leader: O Lord, we rejoice in your spirit that has gathered us here.

**Together: Each of us today is surrounded by others
whose hearts yearn for you.**

Leader: Although we have never seen you,
your presence is made known to us in the best of all human relationships.

**Together: And we ask that you bestow a blessing upon each one of us,
that we may see our lives more clearly,
love one another more dearly
and give ourselves more lovingly to you and the world around us.**

Leader: In this merciful fellowship, we find your grace.

**Together: Today and all days, we praise you for your faithfulness
through all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship you now in song and prayer and gift.

Hymn 40 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over
and around us lies, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Vs 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Vs 3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Vs 4 For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure
sacrifice of love, Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Vs 5 For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given; for that great, great, love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Moment of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *This is the Day*

~Debbie Storrs

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

~Bill Eckert

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecy, it will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Sermon “Without Love”

~Rev. Dr. D. Elizabeth Mauro

Light of Service *Environmental Defense Fund*

~Nels White

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

Offertory *Whistle Duet*

~Debbie and Kenny Storrs

Doxology (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 397 *The Gift of Love*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, but have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Vs 2 Thou I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Vs 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Our Common Commission

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

~Kenny Storrs

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information.

**If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick
(860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).**

Members needing our prayers:

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Bill Eckert, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ernie Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim (Sue Allen), Susannah, Katie B., Kelly W. (Sue Allen), Nell, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Edie Bruckner, Ron and Rev. Karen Burger (Gary Boucher), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Hope Childs, Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Godshall family (Liz Allyn), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky

Byrne's cousin), Pat Lowell, Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Ryan Sterba, Barbara Storrs (Debbie Storrs), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmunt

Those who are grieving: the families of:

Ernest Dibble, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Karen Linden, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Sally Quale, Constance Rotondo, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie, Carrie Stetson, Chris Williams, and the Cornwall UCC

In the wider community

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Africa and all enduring ongoing violence, the people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, our Canadian neighbors who have been impacted by wildfires, *Environmental Defense Fund*