

Our worship on Sunday is what you might call blended. That means we sing hymns, read scripture and pray together some formal prayers that you will hear in most churches. However, many sermons reflect on the way that parts of our contemporary culture (music, movies, books) are reminders of God's love and God's will for us. There have been special services for Blue Christmas, Healing, and Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide. You will also hear members playing instruments and singing non-traditional songs as expressions of their relationship with God. Members bring their faith experiences with other Christian groups and use these to enrich our worship. We are informal in our dress and known for our good humor.

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. We practice open communion, believing it is a celebration of God's grace, extended to all. All who seek to know Jesus Christ are invited to the communion table and welcome to participate. We serve grape juice instead of wine.

We are committed to growing in faith, in love, and in our relationship with God, whom we believe sustains us in this life (if we ask), gives us purpose (to serve others), and will be there to meet us in the next. We do not believe in tests of faith. We believe everyone is on a journey with God and we honor the right to question and to doubt along the way. We have found that an important part of our life together as a congregation is learning from one another and supporting each other as we work to improve our relationship with God. Our denomination, the United Church of Christ, has a saying that we do not put a period where God has put a comma – God is still speaking, most often through other people. One of the ways we learn about God and what God wants of us is by talking, studying, and praying together.

Our congregation believes it is important to help those around us. There are a number of groups within the congregation working on particular projects (helping folks in Camp Washington, serving families and kids at hospitals and nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, friendship and entertainment for retired veterans, and other things like that). One of the important things our congregation does is encouraging and supporting our members in sharing their talents and abilities by reaching out to the community around them as an expression of God's love for us and for all people.