



# 1st Congregational UCC

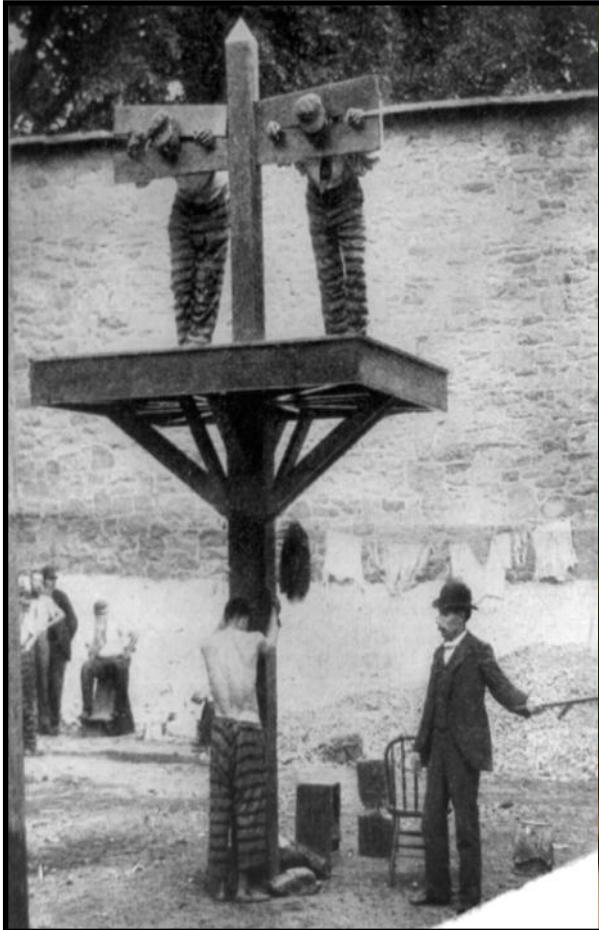
*Opening the Doors of Possibility*

*An Open & Affirming Church*



**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

*(Jan/Feb Reaching Out Focus: Affordable Housing Initiative)*



**"LET'S HAVE A FEAST AND CELEBRATE! FOR THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE again; HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND."**

**- LUKE 15:23-24**

# Welcome to our church family!

## Gathering Music

**Tolling of the Bell** - our reminder to quiet ourselves inside *and* out for worship

## Welcome

**Opening Hymn** - #532 "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"

**1st Scripture Reading** - Luke 15:11-32, *offered by Denise Fate*

## Music for Reflection

**2nd Scripture Readings** - Luke 22:54-62 & John 21:4-17, *offered by Denise Fate*

**Morning Message** - "Living the Story of Justice as Restoration"  
*Offered by Toby Jones*

**Message Hymn** - #560 "I Love to Tell the Story" *alternative lyrics on next page*

## Offering

### Offering Music

### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Her above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen*

## Morning Prayers

**Closing Hymn** - #621 "For the Healing of the Nations"

## Benediction

## Postlude



Annual  
**CONGREGATIONAL**  
*Meeting*  
immediately after service  
to approve budget for 2026

**JAN** | **25<sup>th</sup>** | **2026**

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**“I Love to Tell the Story” Alternative Verse -**

**Verse -** “I love to hear the story of all that God has done,  
Of all the ways She loves us, and, most of all, Her son.  
I love that God’s great story, includes a part for me,  
If I but dare to enter, true miracles I’ll see

**Chorus -** I love to live the story, to share in God’s new glory,  
To live the unfolding story, of Jesus and his love.”

Sunday 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tues 1/13	Wed 1/14	Thurs 1/15	Fri 1/16	Sat 1/17	Sunday 1/18
10:30a Worship  11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by Colin Morris, Carolyn Klender, Ingrid Nedwick &amp; Kathie Libert</i>  <i>Special Guest: C.J. Rapp, from Eco Village Co-Op</i>	6p Personal Pantry	10a Prayer Group	9a Reaching Out Team Meeting  12p Lunch n Learn	6:30p Choir Rehearsal			10:30a Worship  11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by Suzanne Balter</i>  11:45a Church Council Meeting

<b>Prayer Requests/ Celebrations: To submit a Prayer Request please visit our website at chxucc.org or call the office at <u>231-547-9122</u></b>  <b>Please be sure to get permission from the person needing prayers.</b>	Please pray for Linda Weller and her family as they grieve the passing of her father, Earl Bennett.  Please pray for Ron & Linda Moore as Linda recovers from surgery due to a broken arm.  Please continue to pray for Hudson Shail, relative of Lani Ochs, who at 1.5 years old has lost both kidneys and is on dialysis. Prayers that his targets are met to qualify for a kidney transplant.  Please continue to pray for Toby Jones as he enters the second half of his non-weightbearing and non-driving recovery.
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***Hosted by:***  
***Colin Morris, Carolyn Klender,  
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