

Our Church's Covenant

We declare our faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Holy covenant, we bind ourselves to God and each other, becoming devoted disciples and active apostles.

We promise each other to be faithful in worship and in support of this church, whose Savior and Lord is Jesus Christ.

In Christian love, we will care for and support each other.

With the Bible as our guide, we willingly promise all that we are and all that we have To the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.

Freely, we say these things, glorying in the joy of our salvation.

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Who are the Congregationalists?

Congregationalists are one of the four historic streams of the United Church of Christ (UCC). At MCC, we trace our heritage to the Pilgrims of colonial America and the founding of Monroe.

Who is the United Church of Christ?

The Monroe Congregational Church covenants with other local churches in the UCC to share the mission work that no congregation is able to do on its own. UCC polity is like an inverted pyramid, each congregation makes their own decisions about hiring clergy, calling leadership, setting a vision and selecting mission priorities.



"God is Still Speaking"

Monroe Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming Congregation



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**Welcome to the Monroe
Congregational Church,
where all are welcome, always!**

We hope that you enjoy your experience of our community and that you find God's love and peace here. You may not be familiar with all the actions or activities going on around you here. Ask questions! We are all here to help.

It is our great joy to provide everyone (we mean everyone) with a safe place to worship, study, discern, and serve. We are all learners and seekers on a path led by God. Our journeys take varied form and move in different directions and we welcome the richness of everyone's experiences. We are a better community with you here.

In Christ, Rev. Jennifer Gingras

Seeker (seek-er), noun = one who seeks

At MCC, we believe that each one of us is on a spiritual journey. In this way, we are all seekers, looking for authentic community, engaging worship and ways to grow and develop our faith in today's world.

You may have been raised in another faith tradition (or none at all). You may want to become involved right away, or you need a place where it is OK to just be. You may be looking for spiritual nurture for a member of your family, or you may be here for yourself. What makes our church different is that we truly believe *"whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here."* Yes, we really mean it.



What does MCC believe?

We are an open and affirming, covenantal church community who embraces the idea that "God is Still Speaking" to us through the preaching and teaching of scripture. God has created each one of us with special gifts, and we are called to offer them to the world.

We have ordained clergy, but all our members are considered ministers. We observe the Lord's Supper (Communion, Eucharist) on the first Sunday of every month, and all are welcome to partake. We offer baptism as requested.

How do we worship at MCC?

Each service is, for us, an encounter with the holy. Worship is on Sunday morning at 10:00am in our historic meetinghouse. During our hour or so together, we seek forgiveness for our shortcomings and direction for our lives. Our hymnal uses inclusive/expansive language, and our musical offerings are diverse. Dressing up is not required, come in whatever you are most comfortable.

On most Sundays, we offer Sunday School for children aged 3-13. The nursery is always open for little ones, or you may keep them with you. We are child-friendly!