

Holmdel Community UCC



Solidarity, June 30, 1917. The Hand That Will Rule the World—One Big Union.

February 1, 2026

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

40 W. Main Street, Holmdel, NJ 07733

*Our mission is to deepen our relationship with God,
follow Jesus in service to our community,
and work for justice and peace.*

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

❖ means please rise in body or in spirit.
Large print bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.
Hearing enhancement devices are also available.
Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

Words for Meditation **The Fool's Song, first stanza**
I tried to put a bird in a cage.
O fool that I am!
For the bird was Truth.
Sing merrily, Truth: I tried to put
Truth in a cage!

- William Carlos Williams,
NJ poet & MD (1883-1963)

PRELUDE *Heartland* **Jim Brickman**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nada B. Sellers

❖ **RISE AND GREET ONE ANOTHER**

Activity: *Dazzling Bouquet* **Bret Hesla**

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❖ **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Howard Kradjel

God is good

all the time!

All the time

God is good! (repeat!)

❖ **OPENING HYMN** *Though Doubt Confronts Belief* **SLIDES**
To the tune LAUDES DOMINI “When Morning Gilds the Skies” **vv. 1, 2 & 4**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nada Sellers

Holy One, in Jesus we have come to know the Way and the Truth and the Life, who welcomes everyone who persists in seeking him. Yet sometimes we knock and wait and knock again, seeing no response and feeling our hopes fading. We cannot see because of our doubt; we cannot hear because our ears are closed; and we falter when we choose to make our own decisions or play by our own rules. Forgive us for these things that we have done or the things we have left undone. We have missed the mark and are in need of your forgiveness...

Silence for prayers....

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Nada Sellers

❖ **GLORIA**

to the tune of No. 35

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen. Amen.**

FOOD PANTRY DEDICATION

When Jesus met with his friends in the upper room, he shared common meal items -- bread, water, wine -- and he made them holy. Food is a holy and humbling mystery, a shared sacrament that unites us all. God's love is present in the food we receive. God's love is present in the food we give.

God, inspire us to lovingly, joyfully, share with our neighbors and friends.

DEDICATION OF FOOD

As we dedicate these offerings...

Bless this food so that all who receive it may be nourished in both body and spirit.
We feed others, for what we do for the least of our neighbors, we do for you.

Bless the receivers.

Bless those who have grown, harvested, packaged, and distributed it.

Bless the workers in the fields and factories.

Bless those who have given this food and all who will distribute it.

Bless the givers.

We dedicate this food in the name of our Creator, our Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sing Your Joyous Praise

Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 29:13-16

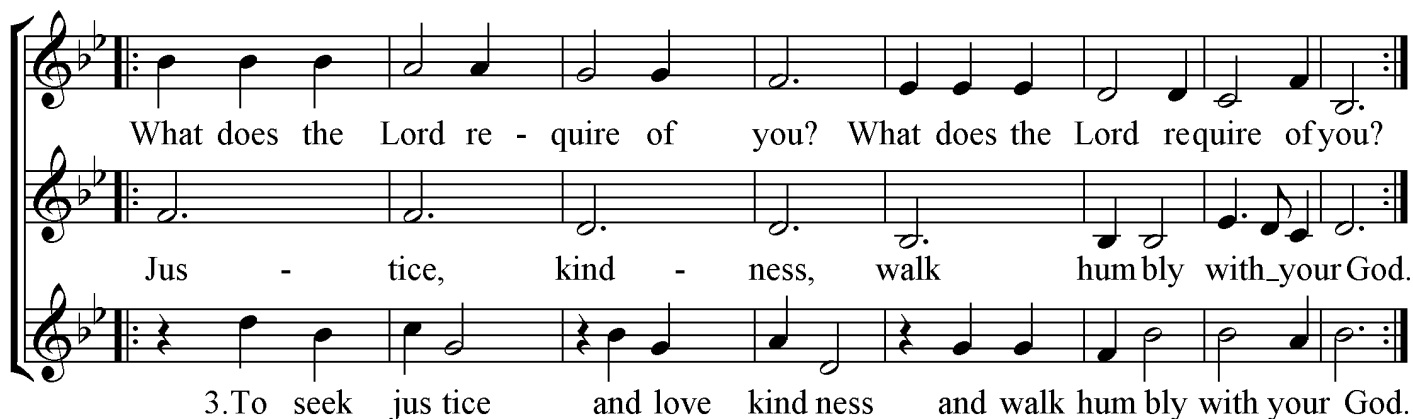
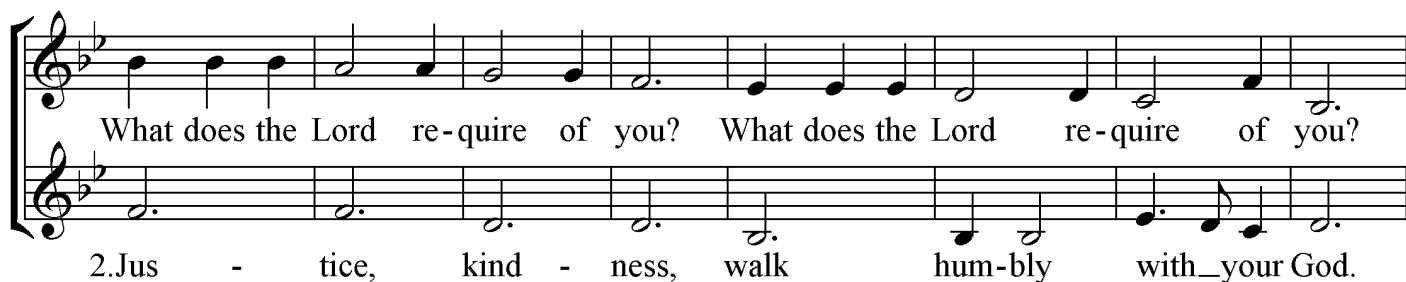
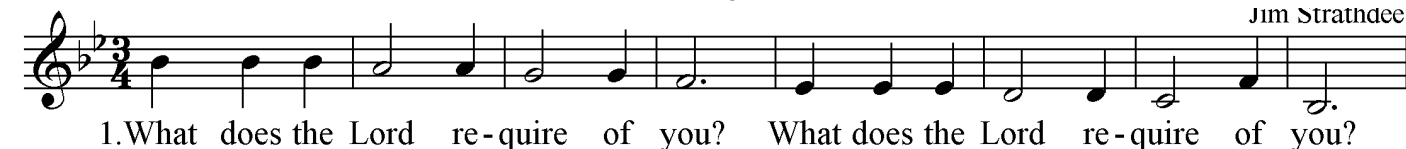
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

MUSICAL RESPONSE

What Does the Lord Require of You

No. 661, Slides

Jim Stratthdee



REFLECTION

"Power to the Fools"

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Howard Kradjel

Musical Offering

What the Lord has Done in Me

**Reuben Morgan,
arr. Lloyd Larson**

❖ Doxology (Old Hundredth)

No. 48

Words by Mary Luti, UCC pastor and theologian

**Praise God whose love will never cease,
whose justice raises up the least
and sits all creatures at the feast –
God's mercy is our hope and peace!**

SERVICE OF COMMUNION *(include dedication & prayer requests here...)*

Invitation

Hymn

Here at Thy Table, Lord

No. 384

Communion Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

*Casa del Sol
Prayer of Jesus' version*

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.**

**May we know your presence; may your longings
be our longings in heart and in action.**

**May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.**

**Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.**

**Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.**

**For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

Sharing Elements

Prayer Song of Thanks

Holy Ground

**No. 112
(sung twice)**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

No. 344

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Giambattista Martini

*After the Postlude, you are invited to join us next door.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us
to connect with one another; coffee and refreshments served!*

Liturgical Resources: Cover image is "The Hand That Will Rule the World from The International Workers of the World (IWW) poster;- One Big Union" Poem found at poetryoutloud.org; Portions of communion liturgy adapted from ucc.org @ Worship Ways – Service Prayers for 2-1-26 by Rev. Teña T. Nock,

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OPENING HYMN: Though Doubt Confronts Belief,
To the tune LAUDES DOMINI "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
v 1,2,4 Jane Parker Huber's rewrite of lyrics No 55 – copy of score/words via Rev. Nada Sellers

Land Acknowledgement: Our buildings stand on the ancestral land of the Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk (Lenni-Lenape). We acknowledge these Indigenous Peoples and decry the unjust taking of their land, the unfulfilled promises of U.S. treaties granting land access, and the still unresolved traumas of forced migration, genocide, and theft. We acknowledge and affirm Native American values and Indigenous cultures while holding space for atonement and healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for visiting with us today! It is a pleasure to have you here. Feel free to get information about our church from the table by the church entrance. Please sign our guest book by the door, so that we can send you our monthly newsletter and other information (make sure to include an email address!).

Today is **Communion Sunday**. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all. All of our bread is gluten-free and we serve grape juice. We will take a collection for the Loaves & Fishes Fund. This fund is used by the Pastor to support people, within and outside of our church, who come to us in crisis.

Thanks to today's **Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers, Minister; Susan F. Davies, Music Minister;
Amanda Spagnolia, Children's Minister; Howard Kradjel, Liturgist;
Matt Snodgrass, Sound Board Operator; Michelle Ucciferri, Slide Changer
and Susan Shaw, Greeter/Usher.

Pastor.....Rev. Nada B. Sellers
Ministers.....Members of the Church
Minister of Music.....Susan F. Davies
Children's Minister.....Amanda Spagnolia
Nursery Caregiver.....Mary Kaye Snodgrass
Office Manager.....Lynn C. Hudzik

Church Office Hours: 9:30am – 2:30pm Tuesday – Friday
 Pastor's Office Hours: 10:00am – 3:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday
and as arranged

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www.holmdelucc.org

In love and service, here is an update.

January Donations
for Calico Cat Food Pantry as of Friday, 1/30

Tea Bags	48	Veggies (Cans)	12	Soaps	4
Snacks (bags)	42	Cereal Boxes	10	Fruit (cans)	2
Toilet Paper (rolls)	30	Rice/Pasta/Stuffing	7	Cookies/Chips	3
Paper Towels	15	Tissue Boxes	6	Duncan Hines Dessert	2
Boost Nutritional Drinks	12	Soups/Broth (cans)	5	Laundry Detergent	1



This month's Calico Cat Food Pantry collections: **soup and instant oatmeal**. We will dedicate food on the 3rd Sunday, *February 15th*. On that Sunday, we encourage everyone to bring forward their offerings to the worship table and kids can stay down front for the Children's Message that immediately follows.

Baking Workshops – Feb. 6 & 7

Help us prepare for the Taste of Holmdel Valentine Treat Sale! Join our Baking Workshops on **Friday, February 6, & Saturday, February 7**, from **9:30 AM–5:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. We'll be baking cookies and cakes for the fundraiser. A soup lunch will be provided for workers. Contact **Susan Field** (sfield@georgian.edu) for details.



Pause & Pray

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. NIV Mt 21:22

Be still and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10

Turn from evil, do good; seek peace and pursue it. Ps. 34:13

Pause & Pray – A simple in-person gathering for contemplative prayer, quiet music and spiritual encouragement.



A 30-minute midweek pause to gather and pray for peace during the season of Lent.

Beginning on Feb. 18th, Ash Wednesday at 7pm,
and continuing for the next five Weds., come join Pastor Nada
for moments of calm in mid-week.

Cookie Caper Feb 8, 2026

Let's remind our on-campus college students that we care. Our **Cookie Caper** crew will send care packages to them for Valentine's Day.

Want to help?

- Contribute non-fragile, home-baked or purchased goodies. Wrap them in groups of 4 to 6 and deliver to Fellowship Hall before service on Sunday, Feb 8th. Clearly label if there are known allergens in your recipe (e.g. nuts).
- Help to pack the boxes during Coffee Hour on Sunday or deliver them to the post office on Monday.
- If you have a student away at school who would appreciate a care package, email their name and address to Val (valthansen@gmail.com) or Lynn Nelson (lenelsonhome@yahoo.com).

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

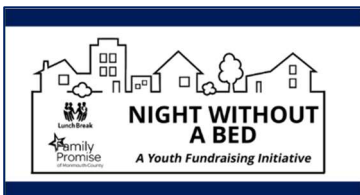


FEBRUARY						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am Service with Communion & Food Dedication		7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA		9:30am-5:30pm Baking Workshop 7pm Hall Rental	9:30am-5:30pm Baking Workshop 10am Meditation with Grace

February 18th

7:30 pm

ASH 
WEDNESDAY




The mission of A Night Without A Bed event is to provide an opportunity for Monmouth County youth to learn about the plight of families and children who are experiencing homelessness every night.

We also raises essential funds to support program operations such as: food, clothing, emergency shelter, comprehensive case management, transportation, life skills training and prevention/stabilization for our families.

Participants are asked to sleep in a box for one night in addition to raising pledges for the cause, **at least \$150** towards our goal.

All participants at The Fort **under 18 must have a chaperone with you at all times** regardless if you are sleeping overnight or leaving early.

 Saturday, March 28, 6:00 PM – Sunday, March 29, 8:00 AM

 The Fort Athletic Club , 114 Saltzman Avenue, Oceanport, NJ 07757

 Cmcgarry@lunchbreak.org for questions or sponsorship opportunities



Taste of Holmdel Valentine Treats Sale

Order homemade Valentine
desserts by **Feb. 4.**

Pickup is **Sun., Feb. 8** after
church in Fellowship Hall.

Vegan and gluten-free options
available by request.

Questions: Susan Field
(crafts@holmdelucc.org)

Flyer:
moderator@holmdelucc.org

**FEBRUARY 15th,
after Worship Service**

Enjoy a Pancake Buffet made by The Youth
Group for Sunday School Children!

Play Games!

Make Crafts!

