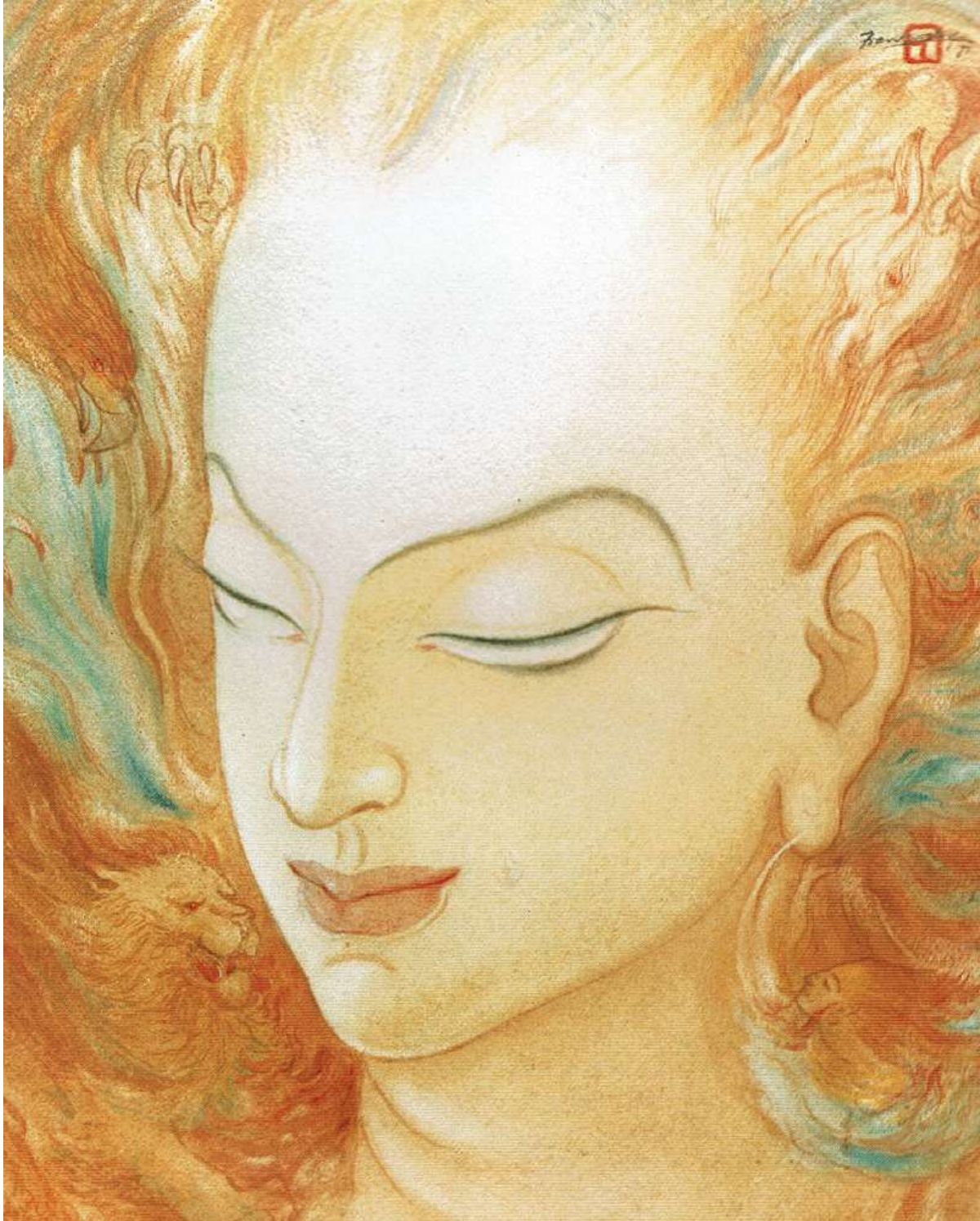


**May 10, 2026**

*Mothering Day Sunday – “Spirit of Truth”*



**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.*

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**bold** type denotes collective response

❖ 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.*

**PRELUDE**

*Orphan Girl*

Gillian Welch

Don Pope & Susan Davies

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

❖ **GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Don't forget to turn around and wave to our church family online!)*

**INTROIT**

*Happy the Home When God is There*

Henry Ware, Jr.

John Bacchus Dykes



## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 68:1-10

Susan Shaw

## MUSIC RESPONSE

*Web of Beauty*

Bret Hesla  
*See Slides*

**Praise to God who has spun the threads of being.  
and turns the universe before our eyes.  
Who has woven this tangled web of beauty,  
that binds me to the earth and sky.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

## SERMON

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Susan Shaw

Musical Offering

*Call You By Name*

Heather Sorenson

Sue Field, cello; William Field, flute

❖ **Doxology** (*Tune is Old Hundredth*)

**No. 48**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns



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**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!).

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

Rev. Nada B. Sellers, Minister; Susan Shaw, Liturgist;  
Susan F. Davies, Minister of Music;  
Amanda Spagnolia, Children's Minister;  
Michelle Ucciferri, Slide Changer; Pru Frechette, Greeter/Usher  
Robin Paneque and Matt Snodgrass Sound Board Operators



**Special Thanks to the Brunch Crew  
led by Sue Fields!**



**Pastor**..... Rev. Nada B. Sellers  
**Ministers**..... Members of the Church  
**Minister of Music** ..... Susan F. Davies  
**Children’s Minister** ..... Amanda Spagnolia  
**Office Manager** ..... Lynn C. Hudzik

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30am – 2:30pm  
Pastor’s Office Hours: **Tuesday**, 10am – 3pm; **Thursday**, 10am– 1pm  
*and as arranged*

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**CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN**

**IMPORTANT:** In preparation for our Capital Campaign, Karen Chesney will be sending out email invitations to some of our congregation. Please be on the lookout for these. Please contact Karen at [karen.a.chesney@gmail.com](mailto:karen.a.chesney@gmail.com) if you have any concerns or questions.

## Congregational Meeting

The 2026 HCUCC Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 following the worship service, at approximately 11:15am in the Sanctuary. All are invited to come and participate, and members may vote. The three main business items are: voting on the 2026-2027 operating budget, election of new lay leaders, and voting to convert the pastor position to full time. Please plan to attend in-person or via zoom. An email was sent on May 1st with all relevant information, including the Zoom link: (<https://bit.ly/HCUCC2026-congregational>). There are hard copies in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the office.



**This serves as a formal announcement  
as required by our church bylaws.**

### **Open and Affirming Statement** (*adopted 2009*)

We rejoice in the good news that in Jesus Christ we find that we are all God's children through faith without distinction. (See Galatians 3:26-28)

God calls all faithful people together to be a community of justice and peace. We lament that throughout history, and even in our own time, churches have silently allowed or actively called for hatred, hostility, and exclusion, and have failed to live up to God's call to inclusion and sanctuary.

Therefore we, the members of Holmdel Community United Church of Christ, covenant together to welcome and embrace all people into the life and ministry of our congregation regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, age, mental and physical condition, race, ethnicity, nationality, or economic status. With God's help, we promise to be a church of open arms and open doors, and to celebrate the diversity that reflects the glory of God's creation. We seek to live as a compassionate community united by faith and diverse in its expression.



Celebrate 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our County with Monmouth County! Scan the QR Code at right to participate in the HCUCC Contribution to this wonderful and fun event throughout the month of May!



## We're Hiring!

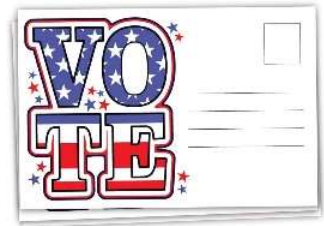
Amanda is looking for a Nursery Caregiver for Sunday Mornings and anyone interested should contact her directly at [YouthMinister@holmdelucc.org](mailto:YouthMinister@holmdelucc.org) or 908-770-7265.

## POSTCARD WRITING

May 18th, 9:15am-11:15am.

Honeybell Coffee in Bell Works, Holmdel NJ.

Contact Liz at [lizmueller1@gmail.com](mailto:lizmueller1@gmail.com).



2nd Hour, May 31

Seeking the Way of Welcome

Reflections from a Pilgrimage along the Camino Sanabrés

This spring I completed a seven-day bicycle pilgrimage along Spain's Camino Sanabrés, an ancient route leading to Santiago de Compostela.

On May 31, I will share a special second hour with photographs, stories from the road, and reflection on what the pilgrimage taught me about welcome, humility, gratitude, and spiritual growth in everyday life. I hope you will join me as we consider how these simple practices can shape our lives of faith and our life together as a church community.

## Committee Meetings This Week



Worship & Music TUE, 5/12 7:00pm Carol at [boola8801@verizon.net](mailto:boola8801@verizon.net)  
 Care Team WED, 5/13 2:00pm Val at [valthansen@gmail.com](mailto:valthansen@gmail.com) or  
 Kiff at [kiff.barnes@gmail.com](mailto:kiff.barnes@gmail.com)

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MAY						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>10am Service</p> <p>11:30am Mothering Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>7:30pm Council</p>	<p>6pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7pm Worship &amp; Music</p> <p>7:15pm Scouts</p>	<p>2pm Care Team</p> <p>8pm Lifeline Group of AA</p>	<p>7:30pm Choir</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Happy Birthday, Pastor Nada!</p> </div>	<p>7pm-9pm Hall Rental</p>	<p>10am Meditation with Grace</p> <p>5pm-8pm First Presbyterian in Metuchen, "Where Olive Trees Weep"</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>10am Service</p> <p>2nd Hour: Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>6:30pm Pastoral Support Meeting</p>	<p>7:15pm Scouts</p>	<p>8pm Lifeline Group of AA</p>	<p>7:30pm Choir</p>		<p>10am Meditation with Grace</p> <p><b>Font Color Key</b>  <span style="color: red;">Conference Rm</span>  <span style="color: blue;">Fellowship Hall</span>  <span style="color: green;">Zoom or Other Sanctuary</span></p>



Join us **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm** for a light dinner and viewing of “Where Olive Trees Weep”, a powerful documentary which explores lives of Palestinians on the West Bank through powerful personal stories.

Contact **Liz** at [lizmueller1@gmail.com](mailto:lizmueller1@gmail.com) or **Lynn** at (732) 946-8821 or [administrator@holmdelucc.org](mailto:administrator@holmdelucc.org) if you’d like to carpool with us from Holmdel Community UCC. If not, we’ll see you there!

Check out this [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefC7O-oTt\\_j-erI5W\\_V3dvKGIodnBkvxNsjtPxuoBdiTp46w/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefC7O-oTt_j-erI5W_V3dvKGIodnBkvxNsjtPxuoBdiTp46w/viewform?pli=1) or scan the QR Code below to learn more about the movie and register.



**If you’d like to meet us there:**

First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen Sanctuary  
270 Woodbridge Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840

*Make a Difference...*

# Join a Committee!



Would you like to be more involved in our church?  
Look no further!

**WE NEED YOU!**

Email or speak with these folks about the teams  
they are leading!

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# CHURCH-BASED BOOK GROUP

## NEW ADULT BOOK GROUP – INTEREST CHECK!

WE'RE EXPLORING THE IDEA OF STARTING A CHURCH-BASED BOOK GROUP FOR ADULTS – SOMETHING RELAXED, WELCOMING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING. WHETHER YOU'VE BEEN PART OF ADULT LEARNING BEFORE OR NOT, THIS COULD BE A GREAT WAY TO JUMP IN!

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE GAUGING INTEREST!  
IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D ENJOY,  
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ALLIE OR AMANDA TO SHARE YOUR INTEREST OR IDEAS (MEETING TIMES, FORMATS, ETC.). YOUR INPUT WILL HELP SHAPE THE GROUP!



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