

HOLMDEL COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



June 7, 2026 – Pride Sunday

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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.*

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PRIDE Sunday

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.

Words for Meditation:

“My silences had not protected me. Your silence will not protect you.”

- Audre Lorde, Black lesbian, mother, warrior & poet
(1934-1992)

*“Spiritual life is like living water that springs up
from the very depths of our own spiritual experience.*

In spiritual life everyone has to drink from his or her own well.”

- Bernard of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)

PRELUDE

Give Yourself to Love

Kate Wolf

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

A Welcome Place

J. Paul Williams/
Joel Raney

❖ **MUSICAL Call to Worship** *Come and Find
the Quiet Center*

**No. 575,
v. 1**

SING: Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Leader: Thanks be to God for this hope-filled worship! Carrie Virgilio

Together: We give thanks for the goodness of a loving God!

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION
& NEW LIFE**

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

God of justice,
God of compassion,
God of sacred and scandalous ways,
In 2009, this church declared the following about who we want to be:

**We rejoice in the good news that in Jesus Christ we find that we
are all God's children through faith without distinction.**

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. There is
no longer any separation based on ethnicity, social class, gender
identity or gender expression. (Galatians 3:23-28)

We affirm that 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.

**We confess that our language and actions do not match our desire
to be known as Christians by our love...**

Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.
Meet us there with your good news that sets all captives free.

Pause for silent prayers

Siblings in Christ, God does not abandon us to that which destroys.
God does not bind us to our regrets,
or forever hold us to what we once believed.
God says, 'Come and follow!
Know forgiveness and sin no more!
Wherever new life is desired may the peace of Christ
be welcome among us.

Thanks be to God who restores us to new life!

❖ **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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC *Put a Little Love in Your Heart/* arr. Greg Gilpin
 Love Train
 Glen Puhak, drums

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 4:1-15

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

SERMON *“Learning to Drink from our Own Wells”*

❖HYMN *Come and Find the Quiet Center* No. 575 v.3

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity

Carrie Virgilio

❖ **Doxology** (*Tune is Old Hundredth*) **No. 48** (words by Mary Luti)

**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!**

COMMUNION (*including Joys & Concerns*)

Invitation

Communion Prayer *with the Lord's Prayer* (a version by John Philip Newell)

**Holy One beyond all names,
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.**

(continued next page)

**Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirit endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.
Amen**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanks

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with PRIDE and the peace Christ. Let the power of the Holy Spirit guide us in our commitments to work for peace with justice. Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

SEE BELOW/
SLIDES

In the Midst of New Dimensions
Words and Music by Julian Rush (1979)

*In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?*

REFRAIN: *God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever more.*

*As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village
might envision wider dreams*

REFRAIN

*Through the years of human struggle
walk a people long despised;
Gays and lesbians together,
fighting to be realized.*

REFRAIN

*Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again.*

REFRAIN

❖ BENEDICTION

Rev. Nada B. Sellers

POSTLUDE

The Rainbow Connection

Paul Williams

***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: Front cover by Kelly Latimore *Trinity*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. See below for artist's statement.

Prayer for Transformation liturgy adapted from enfleshed | justice. liberation. delight.
as found at <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>
Lord's Prayer version by J.P. Newell, "Celtic Version of Lord's Prayer."

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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!).

Flowers were dedicated by Pru Frechette, "Happy birthday in heaven, Bob Buchbinder".

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; Carrie Virgilio, Liturgist;
Susan F. Davies, Minister of Music;
Amanda Spagnolia, Children’s Minister;
Lynn Nelson, Slide Changer; George Kopacz, Greeter/Usher;
Stephen Polly, Sound Board Operator



Need a name tag?
Contact Judy Bacon (judybacon52@gmail.com) or
Lynn Hudzik in the office at (732) 946-8821 or
administrator@holmdelucc.org

Pastor..... Rev. Nada B. Sellers
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Minister of MusicSusan F. Davies
Children’s MinisterAmanda Spagnolia
Office Manager Lynn C. Hudzik

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Pastor’s Office Hours: **Tuesday**, 10am – 3pm; **Thursday**, 10am– 1pm
and as arranged
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www.holmdelucc.org

Only 3 spaces left on the November 5-18 trip to Uganda with Sylvia's Children! This is a wonderful trip as you will participate in the ground-breaking for a health and wellness clinic that will be a prototype for 3rd and developing world countries. PLUS participate in a Christmas party with 600 children who have never seen Santa or Mrs. Claus and finish the trip with a 3 day safari (elephants, lions, hippos ... the works!) Total trip ... all expenses except airfare, Visa and malarone ... is only \$3600. Air fair is usually less than \$1500. This is Sylvia's 38th trip ... why not make it your first! Call her at 732-241- 1144 or email sylvia@SylviasChildren.org. **It will change your life!**



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bring Your Bike to Church Day

Sunday, **June 28**, after worship in the HCUCC parking lot. Participants of all ages and abilities are invited to bring their bikes for a safety check, then separate into groups by comfort level to practice starting, stopping, and basic maneuvering skills. For newer riders who are not yet balancing and pedaling, we will offer a small figure-8 traffic loop with stop and yield signs to build confidence in a fun, low-pressure setting.



HELP WANTED!

Marketing Committee needs different kinds of talent.
Give Sylvia Allen a call (732) 241-1144.



You're invited to join us for Brunch on Fathering Sunday, June 21st, starting at 11:15am immediately after church! A great menu provided by Taste of Holmdel guru, Sue Field. Free Will Offerings accepted. Come to Fellowship Hall and join us!

June 21st - Last day of CHOIR!

Let's celebrate and

wear a HAWAIIAN SHIRT!



GRILLER(S) NEEDED

For Church Picnic

Saturday, June 14th

Contact Regina regcris35@gmail.com

Children's Day on June 14th

Come join us as our children and youth help to lead worship!



Artist Statement from Kelly Latimore about front cover:

Icon was commissioned by Mark Bozzuti-Jones.

"I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land. This manifested itself as a place called "The Good Earth Farm" where we held weekly services and meals, and grew produce for our community and local food pantries.

Iconography has since become a practice of more considerations: of color and light, of brush stroke and form, symbol and meaning...However, I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now?

I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue.

The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present."

[from: <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/about-2/>]

JUNE

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Service with Communion 11am-5pm Asbury Park Pride Fest 2:30pm-4:30pm Sanctuary Rental	9:15am-11:15am Postcarding at Bell Work 7:30pm Council Meeting	7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		10am Meditation with Grace
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Service / Children's Day 11:30am Church Picnic		10am-11:30am Monmouth Housing Coalition with Derek Bloom 5pm-6:30pm Howard Kradjel Parking Lot 7:15pm Scouts	7:30pm Justice & Peace 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		10am Meditation with Grace
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Service / Children's Summer Church School Begins 11:15am Fathering Day Brunch	10am Bayshore Lunch Program	7:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	5:30pm-9pm 1946 movie and Potluck	12pm-5pm American Red Cross Blood Drive	10am Meditation with Grace Worship & Music Planning Meeting

American Cancer Society

fundraiser

Natasha Beck-King is running the Philadelphia Marathon on November 22nd with the American Cancer Society. This fundraiser helps continue ACS's work to end cancer. After losing two grandparents to cancer, this fundraiser is incredibly personal. Every mile ran is a mile for both her Granny and Pepa.

Please consider donating what you can to the link below. With your help, we can reach our goal of ending cancer forever!

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/BK>



Open and Affirming Statement of 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.

NEXT WEEK!

Join Us



Sunday June 14 after service

**Franks, burgers, veggie burgers, and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.**

RSVP to Regina 732 320-6210 regcris35@gmail.com

Celebrate the father figures in your lives!

HCUCC Fathering Sunday Brunch



Sunday, June 21

Go to <http://bit.ly/3PJQ7cO>
if you are able to provide
donations of food. Please
contact Sue Field at
sfield@georgian.edu for any
additional questions.

MENU

**Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches
(with Chicken and Vegetarian options)**

Greek Salad

Waffle Fries

Bloody Marys

Truffle torte

Coffee and Tea

Free will donations are gratefully accepted.



**American Red Cross Blood Drives
Held at
Holmdel Community United Church of Christ
40 Main Street
Holmdel, NJ
Friday, June 26, 2026
12p to 5p**

Appointments preferred, please scan QR Code to make an appointment or call 800 RED CROSS



**Make summer shine for patients in need.
Come to give blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!**

RedCrossBlood.org/LGBTQ | 1-800-RED CROSS | Download the Blood Donor App



Holmdel Community
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ASBURY PARK PRIDE PARADE & FEST

June 7, 2026

12pm: Parade starts at
Asbury Park City Hall

11am-6pm Festival

We need:

- volunteers to staff the table
- marchers to represent us in the parade
- donations of giveaways for the table - think rainbow-themed stuff like beaded necklaces, candy, pencils etc....

Celebrate the
Freedom of Love

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