

A Place to Belong

Above all, a Congregational Church is a place for you and your family to belong. Common to Congregational Churches is a spirit of welcome and belonging. The majority of our churches are local family churches with caring, faithful, well educated clergy.

Church members are entrusted with most of the administrative processes and many spiritual responsibilities through service on boards and committees. They minister to many of the spiritual concerns of the congregation as well. A Congregational Church is place of belonging, as fellow travelers on life's journey covenant together, life on life, to be the people of God and nurture each other's faith!



Sundays 10:30 Bringing Hope! Building Lives!

Mt Hope is a part of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. "The NACCC Mission is to nurture fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches and to support ministries of the local church in its community and to the world, all in the name of Christ." Every Congregational Church is essentially Independent. We choose to partner with the NACCC for mutual support and encouragement.



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What is a Congregational Church?





Faith

Congregational Churches are above all else, Christian Churches. We practice the historic Christian Faith “that was once for all entrusted to the saints.” (Jude 1:3 NIV84) We observe the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

We are a people of the Book. We gather around an open **Bible** with an open mind and a heart flooded with the **Holy Spirit**. We are a people of action. Congregational Ministers and lay people alike are leading the way in everything from local outreach to foreign missions and applied faith in every area of life.

We are a people of ancient faith, living in a modern world, hoping to inspire faith in others through our words, our actions, our prayers and our love!

Freedom

Perhaps what makes Congregational Churches most unique on the landscape of American and global Christianity is our commitment to *unity without uniformity* and *diversity without fragmentation*. We are not the only Christians, but we are ***Christian only!***

We affirm Christ, Him crucified for sin and resurrected for eternal life! We practice an open communion table, recognizing that Christ died for the world and any who claim Christ are welcome at the table of grace. Standing firm on the central matter of Christ alone, we affirm the freedom of conscience of individual believers.

Early Congregational Reformers in England and New England in the 1600’s called this soul liberty. We embrace our heritage as people of covenant, not creed. While we have historic creeds and faith statements, we use them as *guides* for cultivating faith rather than *tests* of faith. We covenant together to support one another on a faith journey rooted in Scripture.

At Mt. Hope, we come together on the essential facts of Christ crucified, Him raised to new life, the life of discipleship, our real hope of Heaven, and the promise of our Lord’s return. Our purpose is to worship Jesus, the Christ, and to make disciples of all who will follow Him.

Fellowship

The key to The Congregational Way is authentic fellowship. Diversity necessarily produces division when anything other than godly love keeps people together. The Christian life is not theoretical. Only when it is lived in the context of actual covenant fellowship can it be rooted and produce fruit. (John 17:19-23) **Faith, Freedom, and Fellowship** are our way. You are invited to join us on this pilgrimage of faith as we travel life’s road together!

Our mission at Mt. Hope is to love God, to love one another, and to welcome all people into our fellowship. Membership is as simple as a small class, an affirmation of our covenant statement on a Sunday morning, and joining us on the journey. *Contact Pastor Chris if you’d like more information about membership.*



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