November 22, 2026

"Reign of Christ Sunday"



HOLMDEL COMMUNITY, UCC

on the land of Munsee Lenape, Lenape Haki-nk (Lenni-Lenape)

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.

November 22, 2026 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

❖ *Rise in body or 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

"When they asked for those to raise their hands who'd go down to the courthouse the next day, I raised mine. Had it high up as I could get it. I guess if I'd had any sense I'd've been a little scared, but what was the point of being scared? The only thing they could do to me
was kill me and it seemed like they'd been trying to do that
a little bit at a time ever since I could remember."

- Fannie Lou Hamer
Civil Rights Legend
Community Leader, Mississippi,
Student Nonviolent Organizing Committee,
Co-Founder, National Women's Political Caucus

PRELUDE *We Gather Together* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nada Sellers

❖GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

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

INTROIT *All Praise to You, Creator God* Margery Maple

❖CALL TO WORSHIP *(inspired by Psalm 95)* Vera Kradjel

O come, let us sing to the Holy One with joy!

The Sovereign One is the rock of our salvation, restoration, and hope!

O come, let us praise the Holy One with thanksgiving!

The depths and the heights belong to our Maker.

O come, let us worship the Holy One who is great!

The Holy One is our God, and we are the flock of God's realm.

❖OPENING HYMN *Praise Him, Praise Him* **No. 93**

GATHERING PRAYER Rev. Nada Sellers

Holy One, you reign in all creation, in our gatherings, and in our hearts. Be glorified in our worship. Dwell within the praise of your people. Make yourself and your way known so that we might be encouraged, challenged, and empowered to be faithful, just, and righteous in your name.
Amen.

❖GLORIA

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 Vera Kradjel

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.

OFFERING OUR FOOD Vera Kradjel

Let us now bring our food offerings forward mindfully and dedicate them to God, to our church, and to one another.

DEDICATION OF FOOD Rev. Nada Sellers

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.

Blessed be the God who is our daily bread. God be with us all. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amanda Spagnolia

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Harvest of Thanksgiving* Roger Thornhill/ Stacey Nordmeyer

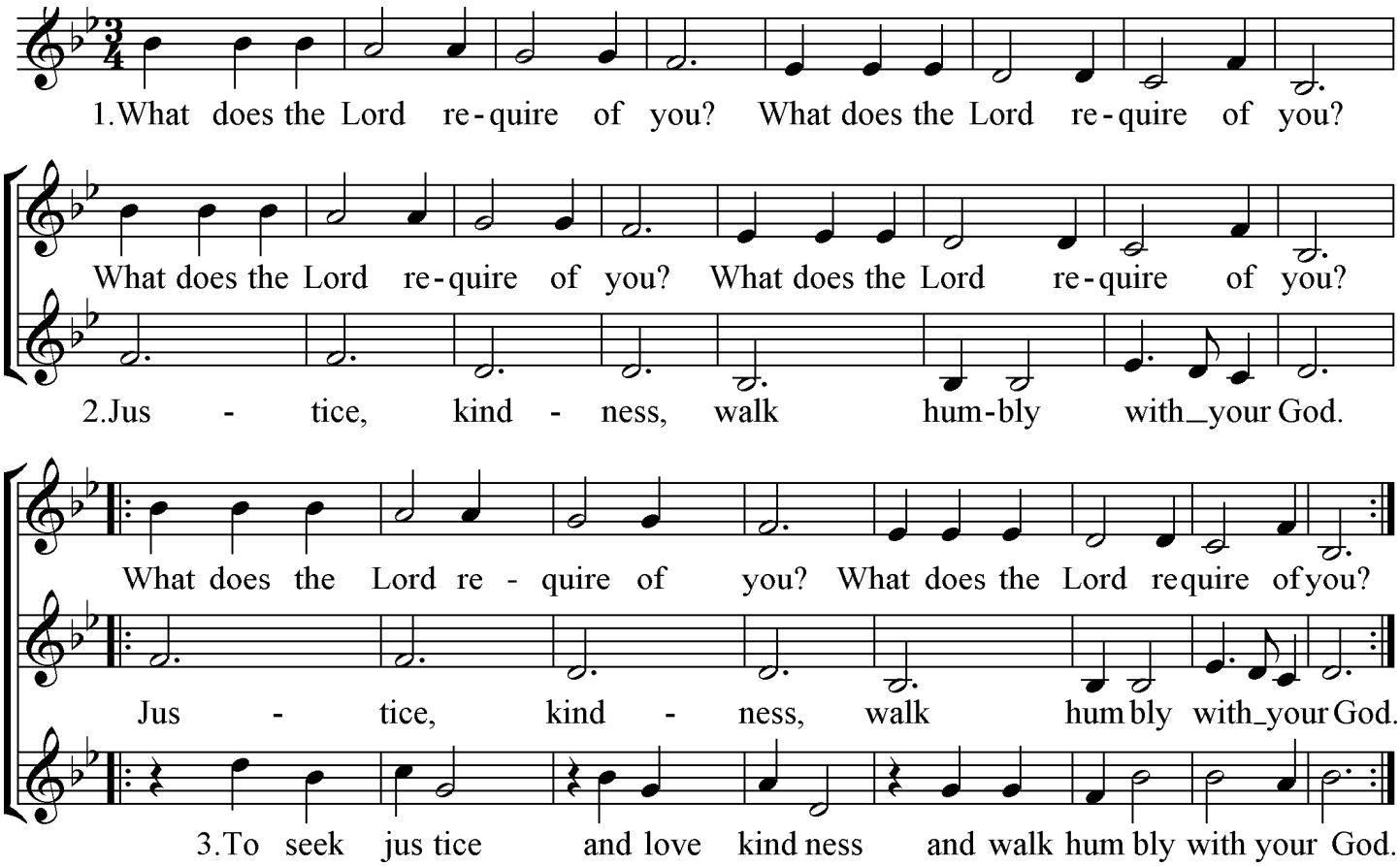
SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24 — Vera Kradjel

Matthew 25:31-46 — Rev. Nada Sellers

SERMON **"The Reign of Jesus (Not What You Think)"** — Rev. Nada Sellers

HYMN *What Does the Lord Require of You?* **No.661**



SHARING OUR GIFTS

Call to Generosity — Vera Kradjel

Offering — *Thanksgiving Song* — Mary Chapin Carpenter
Shared by Don Pope, guitar — arr. John Purifoy

❖**DOXOLOGY** *(Tune: 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!

❖**PRAYER FOR OFFERINGS**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer ending with The Lord's Prayer…

Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

❖**CLOSING HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation* **No. 714**

❖**BENEDICTION** Rev. Nada Sellers

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

We invite you to join us here, in Fellowship Hall,
after the service for coffee hour.
This is a wonderful opportunity for us to get acquainted
and for our members to connect with each other.

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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 F. Davies, Minister of Music;
Amanda Spagnolia, Children's Minister; Vera Kradjel, Liturgist;
Debbie Lakshman, Greeter/Usher; Carrie Virgilio, Sound Board Operator;
Michelle Ucciferri, Visuals Assistant

Reminders and Information

Holmdel Community UCC is part of a cooperative of churches that support the **Calico Cat Food Pantry** located in Middletown. We are collecting **canned corn, ramen noodles, side dishes (like a Knorr's packet), Chef-Boyardee, mac & cheese cups, dish detergent & paper towels** for food dedication **TODAY!**

Flowers are given by Vera & Ward Kradjel: "***With gratitude for family & friends***".

Pastor..... Rev. Nada B. Sellers
Minister of Music ..... Susan F. Davies
Children's Minister..... Amanda Spagnolia
Nursery Caregiver.....**Seeking Employee**
Office Administrator ..... Lynn C. Hudzik

Church Office Hours: 9:30am – 2:30pm Tuesday – Friday
(732) 946-8821; Administrator@HolmdelUCC.org
www.HolmdelUCC.org

Pastor's Office Hours: 10am – 3pm Tuesday,
10am-1pm Thursday *and as arranged*
ALL ARE WELCOME



Winter Coat Drive

for Village Foster Closet of Holmdel



New coats needed for boys and girls in all sizes.



Winter hats and gloves needed too.

Choose your size and deliver your coat between

Nov 8 and November 30

to Holmdel Community UCC,
40 Main Street, Holmdel.

For info, call 732-946-8821



Bayshore Lunch Program
Meal Prep & Serve

TOMORROW!

Please join us in providing nutritious meals and fellowship in a safe and caring environment to our neighbors in need.

Monday, **November 23rd**

at 10am

Community Church of Keyport,

42 Elizabeth Street, Keyport

Judy at judylbacon52@gmail.com



SAVE the DATE: December 5, 2026 5:30 pm



HCUCC Christmas Potluck Party

All ages are welcome at this family event.

There will be

Christmas carols, festive crafts, and scrumptious food!

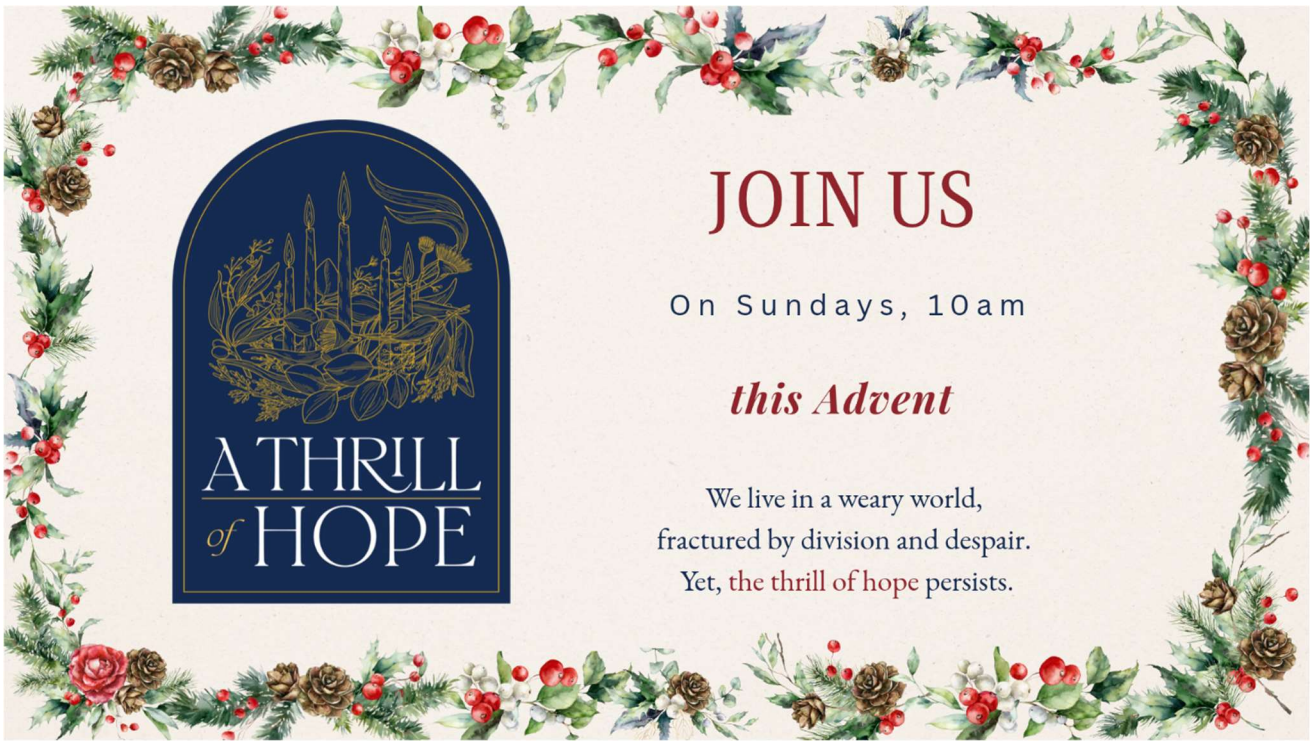
Check your bulletin throughout November for more information. Questions? Contact Regina at regcris35@gmail.com or (732) 320-6210.



It's time to enjoy the season & spread good cheer with our Christmas caroling!

Sunday, 12/13, after Fellowship time

NOVEMBER						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10am Worship Service with Food Dedication 4pm Interfaith Service 7pm Girl Scouts	10am Bayshore	7:15pm Scouts	8pm Lifeline Group of AA			COLOR KEY Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Conference Room Zoom or Other
NOVEMBER		**DECEMBER**				
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
10am Worship Service Angel Tree Begins 1st Sunday of Advent	6pm Bread & Wine Fellowship	7:15pm Scouts	2pm Care Team 7pm Worship & Music 8pm Lifeline Group of AA	7:30pm Choir		5:30pm Family Christmas Party 

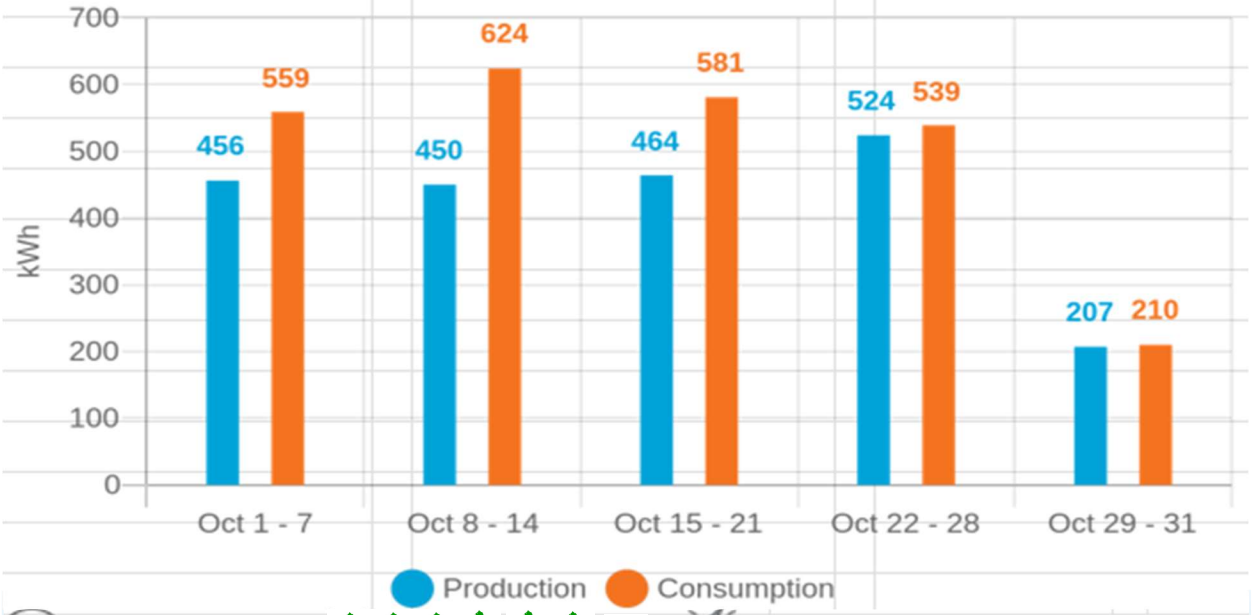


ENPHASE

Holmdel Church "Fellowship Hall"
Holmdel, NJ
Site ID - 6058310
Energy Report | OCTOBER 2026



Produced	Consumed	Grid energy
2.1 MWh	2.5 MWh	1.7 MWh Imported
4% higher*	3% lower*	1.2 MWh Exported
6 Oct: 95.6 kWh	17 Oct :111.4 kWh	**Off Grid**
Max production day	Max consumption day	0 days 0 hrs



CO2 reduction
1.5 ton
Offfset equivalent
to 25 trees



Grid Dependence
66%
For this month, 66% of your energy consumption is supplied by the utility grid

Min Grid Dependence
18 Oct 55%

Max Energy Independence
18 Oct 45%

Year-to-date production
21 MWh