

OUR CORE VALUES

The First Congregational Church of Camden, Maine

*Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,
and love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37,39*

We are bound together by the Spirit and strive to live as a Christian faith community rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.

Inclusive. Inspired. Involved.

Inclusive

As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, we celebrate all people, affirming our diverse sexual orientations; gender identities; ages; races; economic, physical and mental abilities; socioeconomic backgrounds; marital status; and faith backgrounds, acknowledging that many have experienced previous religious trauma.

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. You belong here.

Inspired

There are many ways that we connect to God and each other. We celebrate prayer and worship. We celebrate the written and spoken word from our own tradition and other sources of wisdom. We celebrate music, art, nature, conversations and questions shared with one another in a trusting environment of exploring our beliefs. We celebrate diversity and faithful action.

Involved

Service to others is foundational to our church. As followers of Jesus committed to justice for all, we lift up those who suffer any form of oppression. We seek to honor creation and remember with humility our place in the natural world by promoting responsible action for our own behavior through education, direct experience, advocacy, and stewardship.

We seek to live our faith by loving and serving God and each other. It is our privilege to live in community as we share life's joys and sorrows. We believe in the power of love to comfort and to effect change for ourselves, for our local community, and for the world.