

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
February 18, 2024

Wandering Heart – A Worship Series for the Season of Lent
Jesus Sought Me

Welcome and Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #495 “Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise”
New Century Hymnal

Gathering

**Loving God,
You call us by name.
You join us in the deep waters of life.
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
And yet, more often than we’d like to admit, we are like Peter.**

**Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised,
To find you in our midst.**

**Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our
boat.**

**Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,
For you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.
Amen.**

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 5:1-11

Engaging the Word

**Jesus comes to Peter, seeking him out. How does it feel to imagine
Jesus seeking you out? What comfort does that provide?**

**Jesus calls Peter to be a “fisher of people.” What might God be calling
you to be in this season of life?**

**Peter doubted that he was worthy of Jesus’ presence. What helps you
remember and hold your self-worth?**

*Hymn#537 “Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*See back of bulletin for words*)

Stewardship Moment

*Doxology (*See back of bulletin for words*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #531 “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Blessing

Those who are able may stand where marked ().*

Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org

Calendar:

Wednesday, February 21: Choir rehearsal – Fellowship Hall – 6:00pm

Saturday, February 24: Prepared to Serve, Pembroke, NH

Sunday, February 25: Adult Bible Study – Classroom – 9:00am

The Good Book - Adult Bible Study – Classroom/Zoom – 11:45am

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

*It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know
and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available
through Jesus Christ.*

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

February Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland
Roberta Lavoie
Christina Waddell
Jennifer Hines
Jeb Kenison
Donna Moulin
Paul Damiano

Linda and Bob Warden
David Sykes
Michelle Seekamp
Rolla Gerlack
Tim Christ
Karen Proulx

Virginia Hyatt
Bill Mellekas
Polly Ehrman
Jason Plummer
Tina Peabody
Mike Matz

After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.

Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com

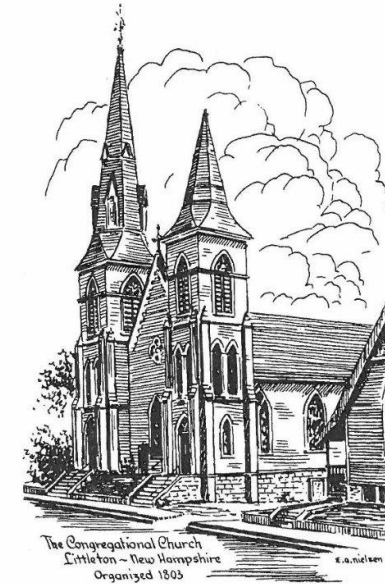
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Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.

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