

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
March 3, 2024

Wandering Heart – A Worship Series for the Season of Lent
You Belong. You Are Loved. You are Forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #438 “When Peace, Like a River”
New Century Hymnal

Gathering

Holy God,
Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.
Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.
Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.
Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings –
Trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.
Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.
Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.
But for days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask
for your tender grace.
Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of
our faith. Amen.

Anthem

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Engaging the Word

When in your life have you felt closest to God? Share a story
of one of the “mountaintop” moments in your life.

Prayer:

God of the mountain, I relive the moments when I have felt
closest to you. I cling to memories of easy faith and
mountaintop joy. Allow those holy ground memories to
strengthen me. And when I find myself in the valley, carry my
memories back to the mountain. With hope I pray, Amen.

*Hymn#332 “As We Gather at Your Table”

Prayers of the People

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

Communion

Stewardship Moment

*A Doxology for Lent

Praise God throughout these forty days
Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #499 “In All Our Living”

Blessing

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

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

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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

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.

Calendar:

Monday, March 4: Community Assessment – Ladies Parlor – 1:00pm

Wednesday, March 6: Choir rehearsal – Fellowship Hall – 6:00pm

Sunday, March 10: Adult Bible Study – Classroom – 9:00am

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

SPECIAL OFFERING NEXT WEEK!
One Great Hour of Sharing

March Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt
Roberta Lavoie	David Sykes	Bill Mellekas
Christina Waddell	Michelle Seekamp	Polly Ehrman
Jennifer Hines	Rolla Gerlack	Jason Plummer
Jeb Kenison	Tim Christ	Tina Peabody
Donna Moulin	Karen Proulx	Mike Matz
Paul Damiano	Family of Robert McGhee	Mike Boswell

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

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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.