

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**February 25, 2024**

*Wandering Heart – A Worship Series for the Season of Lent*  
*Take Courage*

Welcome and Announcements and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #472 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*New Century Hymnal*

Gathering

**Gracious God,  
There are days that threaten to swallow us,  
Days when the storms of life feel too big.  
In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,  
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.  
Forgive us for doubting ourselves.  
Forgive us for doubting you.  
Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.  
With hope in our hearts we pray,  
Amen.**

Anthem

Scripture Reading      Matthew 14:22-33

Engaging the Word

**When Peter sinks, Jesus asks, “Why did you doubt?” Do you think Peter doubted himself or Jesus? How does doubt show up in your life? What helps you continue to step out in courage?**

\*Hymn#459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayers of the People

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

Stewardship Moment – Offering for the Little Free Pantry

\*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 #479      “God Is My Shepherd”

Blessing

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

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

Calendar:

Wednesday, February 28: Choir rehearsal – Fellowship Hall – 6:00pm

Sunday, March 3: 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

**Easter Lily orders are now being taken! \$20 per lily  
Deadline is Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

### February 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.*

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

**Online giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR4H/home>**

### *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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