

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 3, 2022

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

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Whether we come around the corner or from some distance,
whether we come with minds at rest or with troubled hearts,

All: **you welcome your people, Holy God, for we come to
worship you.**

One: Whether we come traveling light or carrying heavy loads;
whether we come living in faith or walking in fear,

All: **you welcome your people, Holy God, for we come to
worship you.**

One: We come to worship God with all that is good in our lives
and with all that hurts and hinders us.

All: **With past and present in us and the future before us,
we come to worship you, and find our way home.**

***Hymn #11** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (*trespasses*)

Special Music

We Dedicate Our Gifts

***Doxology (#815)**

*** Offering prayer**

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

***Hymn** “O God, How We Have Wandered” *(insert)*

Sermon “The Real Prodigal”

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

***Hymn** “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” *(insert)*

Call to Prayer *(Sung to the tune "Morning Has Broken")*

One: May God be with you!

All: **And with you also!**

One: Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.

All: **We come together at the Lord’s table,
to taste salvation, fresh from the Word.**

Communion Prayers

Song of Adoration *(Sung to the tune "Holy, Holy, Holy")*

**Holy, holy, holy, God beyond our seeing,
thoughts and ways above the sky, and deeper than the sea.
God so far beyond us; closer yet than breathing,
come now among us at our holy feast!**

Words of Institution “On the Night”

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #343** “Amazing Grace!” *vs. 1-4*
How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!

***Benediction**

***Response #343** “Amazing Grace!” *vs. 5*

Postlude

Thank you to Lars Nielson as lead Deacon this week

*Scripture for Sunday, April 10: Daniel 9: 24-26 ~ Luke 19:41-44
We welcome Rev. Mac Starring back next week*

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.

March Prayer Requests

Dorothy Usher	Karen Carbonneau
Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden
Denys O'Brien	Virginia Hyatt
Judy and Ed Warden	Anna Searles
Roberta Lavoie	Kim Antonucci
Heather Walker	Andrea Dowdall
Rae & Gerta Hall	Kate & Gordon Moss
George Boone	Polly Reed
Janet Limberg	Brien Ward

Rev. Mac Starring will be leading his 36th annual SonRise Service at Moore Dam (Exit 44) at 6:15am next Easter Sunday

There is also a 6am Easter Sunday Service at the Sunset Hill House in Sugar Hill

Next Week! Palm Sunday Cake Walk 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for the dessert version of Musical Chairs! It's fun for all ages!! Each round costs \$1. Participants walk (or dance!) around a table of desserts, from one number (already placed on the floor) to the next number. When the music stops, a number is drawn from a basket. If it is your number, you get to pick any dessert on the table to take home!!

Also featuring: A cupcake walk for our younger crowd! Young children are invited to walk our walk for free! When their number is selected they can pick an undecorated cupcake, then bring it to our decorating table and create away!! **Benefitting Shining Lights Learning Center**



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Fifth Sunday in Lent



The Return of the Prodigal Son

Welcome:

Rev. Jay Sprout

Music Director & Organist

Dorothy Morton

Worship Service 10:00

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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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