

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Zacchaeus and the Tree

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Unison Prayer of Confession: **As we gather for worship, we put down the burdens we bear into your hands of grace, O God. The mistakes and missteps we have made, the brokenness in our lives and throughout your creation, the silent suffering we all carry. Free us to release our confessions and cares unto you, so that we may walk freely and joyfully in newness of life, in faith, hope and love. Amen.**

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

A Moment for the Young and Young at Heart

Greeting One Another

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-19:10

Sermon

* Hymn #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *New Century Hymnal*

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory – **O**ne **G**reat **H**our of **S**haring Special Offering

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn #383 “Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls”
New Century Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

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

Thank you to our worship leader today, Lars Nielson

Thank you JoBeth for the special music today!

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:

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am – Adult Bible Class – Lenten Series – Classroom

Monday, April 7: Discussion on Aging – 11:00am – Ladies Parlor

Tuesday, April 8: Shining Lights BOD – 6:00pm – Zoom

Eastern Star – 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 9: Bible Study and Prayer – 8:30 am – Zoom

Choir rehearsal – 6:00pm – Ladies Parlor

Next Sunday is the Cake Walk following the service in the Fellowship Hall!

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.

March Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie
Ed O'Brien	Jason Plummer	Arianna English	Marianne Langdoc
Cutter Flynn	Dudley & Dottie Bailey	Dick Monroe	Nancy Hadfield
Donna Lauren	Sandy Monroe	Ryan Hall	Hannah Leslie
Dave Keller	Henrietta Howard	Nicole Willis	Keith Bergeron
Family of Peter Sahlin			

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

TODAY!



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We unite to worship God and share Christ's love by caring for our wider community in a way that welcomes all and invites and inspires the gift of spiritual renewal.