

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
March 15, 2026

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Putting Down Our Burdens – Picking Up Relationship

The Gospel of John understands that “sin” is not a moral “failure”. Instead, to be in sin or to sin is not to be in relationship with God, not to believe that God is present in the Word made flesh. Each Sunday in Lent we’ll begin with an opportunity to put down our burdens and renew our relationship with God.

* Hymn #724 “Lead On, O King Eternal” *Celebration Hymnal*

A Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Greeting One Another

Anthem

Scripture Reading John 18:28-40

Sermon

*Hymn #291 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *Celebration Hymnal*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(See opposite page for words)*

Offertory

*Doxology *(See below for words)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn #211 “Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days”
New Century Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude

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

Thank you to our worship leader today, Mary Menzies

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.

Lenten devotionals are available at the back of the sanctuary

March Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie
Ed O'Brien	Arianna English	Cutter Flynn	Marianne Langdoc
Ryan Hall	Dick Monroe	Patty Ritzo	Veronika Travis
Michael "Nia" Edney	Miura Tattersall	Sam Johnk	Donna Moulin
Marj Silt and Family	Family of Pat Whipple		

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

Calendar:

- Sunday mornings at 9:00 am – Adult Bible Class – Classroom
- Monday, March 16: 11:00 am – Conversation on Aging – Ladies Parlor
- Wednesdays: Bible Study and Prayer – 8:30 am – Zoom
- Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 pm – Ladies Parlor
- Thursday, March 19: 9:30 am – Council Meeting – Classroom/Zoom

As followers of Jesus Christ, we believe in celebrating the rich diversity of human experiences and creating a place where everyone feels valued, respected, and fully included. Accordingly, our community of faith wholeheartedly welcomes all people regardless of their race, gender, age, nationality, economic circumstances, physical or mental ability, or sexual orientation. The welcome and affirmation we extend reflects God’s grace and love made known in Jesus Christ.

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Our Mission Statement:

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.