

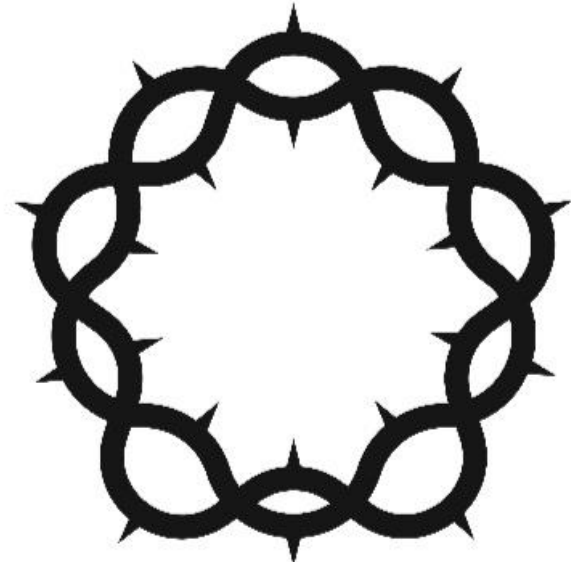
Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to our worship this day.** *"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*
- ✓ **Our Liturgist on this day is Teresa Aspen.**
- ✓ Trustees Meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
- ✓ Deacons Meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
- ✓ Wednesday Book Study completes Luke by Adam Hamilton in the Comfort Room at 7pm.
- ✓ Council Meeting on March 18th at 5 pm.
- ✓ The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received on Sunday, March 30th.

Please pray:

- **For the People of Ukraine.** Lord, be with all who would resist authoritarian power. And may mutual acceptance and respect bring peace in your Kingdom. Amen.
 - **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
 - **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.
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First Congregational United Church of Christ



FIRST SUNDAY
In Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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“✠” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

For some of us, it was tempting to “sleep in” this morning.

But God has called us to this place, to hear God’s word, to open our hearts in prayer and praise, and to seek direction for our lives.

There are many temptations, many idols, placed in front of us. We are called to be strong and place our trust in God.

God is always faithful to us, comforting, guiding, lifting us up to more abundant life.

Let us worship.

✠ HYMN

CH #67

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In a world which values gambling, risking, taking dares, Lord, we come to this time of temptation. We confess that we are often enticed to take the risk for the rewards offered if you win—just “a dollar and a dream”. Forgive us when we hunger for the wealth and power the world dangles before us. Move us from greed to gratitude for your blessings which we already share. Heal our wounded spirits, so that we may fully serve you. Prepare us for this Lenten journey of discipleship and healing. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

CHILDREN’S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

MESSAGE

Rev. C Aurand

✠ HYMN

CH #557

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

A TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CH #306

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline your ear to us,
and grant us thy peace.***

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

CH #349

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

✠ BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE