

Children's Church and Youth Group

Children's Church: This week our kids will be hearing the story of The Exodus in their worship room with Hosts Ginger and Kaitlynn.

Children's Church meets this week during worship! All elementary school aged kids are invited to participate. If you child would like to join us, please sign them on the Worship Room Host's clipboard in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. The kids will gather with the Hosts on the back pew and go to the Worship Room after the Welcome. You will sign them out in the Worship Room (Room 12, just down the hall) following the service.)

Youth Group: Sunday - Youth Bible Study w/Rev Whitney, 10:15 am - 11:15 am

Questions? Ask Rob Cronin - email: youthministry@ucclongmont.org

Pick up a copy of the 2026-2027 Program Year Schedule for our Youth Ministry and Children's Church in the back of the Sanctuary

UCC Longmont Events

Sunday Morning Adult Education: Join us for Sunday Morning Adult Education classes at 9 am each week this program year beginning September 6th in Room 10. Our first series will be a study on the transformative impact of women in the Bible, September 6 - 27. In October we will start a series on Social Justice and our Faith.

Help Celebrate Rev. Amelia's 20th Ministry Anniversary: In September Rev. Amelia will reach a milestone of 20 years in ministry! Rev. Whitney would like to invite you to share your thoughts of gratitude or celebration with Rev. Amelia by adding a short (under 30 seconds) message to a video card for her by scanning the QR Code below. You are welcome to record a message as a group, family, or individual. ***This is the last call for video submissions! All videos are due by end of day Sunday 9/20.*** We will also bless Rev. Amelia together in worship on September 27th with a short cake reception following the service.



Welcome!

A very special welcome this morning to visitors and guests and a welcome back to those who haven't been here for a while.

We would love to know you are here!

Use the QR code to request a name tag, and ask questions in the comment section.



Our weekly newsletter is available online at ucclongmont.org/newsletter

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**A HOPEFUL LIFE: SPIRITUAL
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A Creation Justice Church**

September 20, 2026

Gathering Music Axel Bodeux

Hymn and Bringing in the Light Sing! #31
Lord, You Are Welcome

Welcome Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress
No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey.
You are welcome here!

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 13)

One: Come, let us sing the Lord’s praise
All: Sometimes it feels like God has forgotten us.
How long, O Lord, will you hide your face?
One: Come, let us be reassured by remembering God’s faithfulness,
Many: God has answered our prayers before, and does again.
All: We live by faith, not by feelings, so come, let us sing the Lord’s praise together.

Gift of Music Do Not Pass Me By Reginal Wright

Scripture and Reflection Dr. Waltrina DeFrantz-Dufor
Genesis 18:1-8

Sung Response We Shall Overcome NCH #570 vs. 1-4

Prayers of the People and Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator (Father/Mother/God), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Community Matters Teresa Tate

Going in Song Peace I Leave With You Sing! #217

Blessing

Postlude

Live captioning with Captional

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Living Ritual & Rhythm, Intergenerational Retreat (Whitney)

Retreat Timing: 3 pm Saturday October 24 through mid-day Sunday October 25

Address: YMCA of the Rockies, 2515 Tunnel Rd, Estes Park, CO 80511

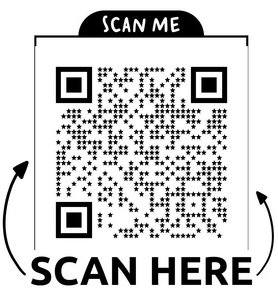
The Living Ritual & Rhythm retreat will invite us all into intentionally choosing our own meaningful rituals and rhythms in life. We will consider what wisdom we have been handed from those who've gone before us, and what wisdom we want to offer for those coming after us.

Our time will be a mix of free time, interactive spiritual practices (including a facilitated drum circle), embodied reflection, community (think campfire songs and stories), and play (like swimming, tag games, the craft house, hiking...)

Registration Cost:

First adult (room and meals): \$215
Each additional adult/youth (13 and older meals): +\$38
Each child (12 and under meals): +\$25
"Example: 2 Adults + 2 young children = \$215 + \$38 + \$50 = \$303"

Scholarships are available, and we want you there! If a full or partial scholarship would help you attend, please let Rev. Whitney know. Register today by scanning the QR Code below. Space is limited. All registrations are due by September 20th.



This Week at UCC Longmont

Sunday, September 20

- **Adult Education:** 9 am, Women in the Bible, Room 10
- **Worship & Children’s Church:** 10:15 am, Sanctuary
- **Youth Ministry:** Community: Youth Bible Study w/ Rev Whitney, 10:15 am - 11:15 am
- **Fellowship Hour:** After Worship, Fireside Room
- **New Member Class:** 11:15, Fireside Room
- **Practicing Peace Inside & Out:** 1 pm - 2:30 pm, Fireside Room

Monday, September 21

- **Drop in Office Hours for Rev. Whitney:** 1 - 2 pm

Tuesday, September 22

- **Open Contemplative Practice:** 8:00 am, Fireside Room
- **Drum Circle:** 6:30pm, Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 23

- **Drop in Office Hours for Rev. Amelia:** 10:30 - 11:30 am
- **Handbell Rehearsal:** 5:15 pm, Sanctuary
- **Choir Rehearsal:** 7:15 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 27

- **Adult Education:** 9 am, Women in the Bible, Room 10
- **Worship & Children’s Church:** 10:15 am, Sanctuary
- **Cake Reception for Rev. Amelia’s 20th Ministry Anniversary:** 11:15 am, Fireside Room
- **Youth Ministry:** Service: Bean Repackaging 11 am - 12 pm
- **Practicing Peace Inside & Out:** 1 pm - 2:30 pm, Fireside Room

Church Office Hours

- **Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Prayers

Prayers for Taylor Grey, 10 year old grandniece of Carol Barnett, who was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. Dave Ostdiek and his family following the death of Dave's father. Jennifer Peck’s stepfather, Alan, who has been hospitalized with a gallbladder infection. Jennifer Peck’s older sister, Debbie, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Dave Pearson and Marie Smith as Dave receives care at a rehabilitation center following blood sugar imbalances. Jason Gentile’s mother who started treatment for her recent Alzheimer’s diagnosis. Karen Folgate, following the death of her dad. Katie, Jeff Barton’s daughter, for healing. Reconciliation and integration of values and actions on a personal, community, and national level. Neil Pillar as he recovers. Prayers for all of those experiencing mental illness and their loved ones. Prayers for spouses and family members needing to be healthcare advocates and caregivers. Prayers for healing and renewal for our Earth.