

Children's Church and Youth Group

Children's Church: This week our kids are invited to stay in worship with us in the Sanctuary for an Intergenerational Service & Communion

Children's Church meets next 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 (grades 6 - 12): Sunflower Farm Fall Clean-up 9 am - 12 pm

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



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

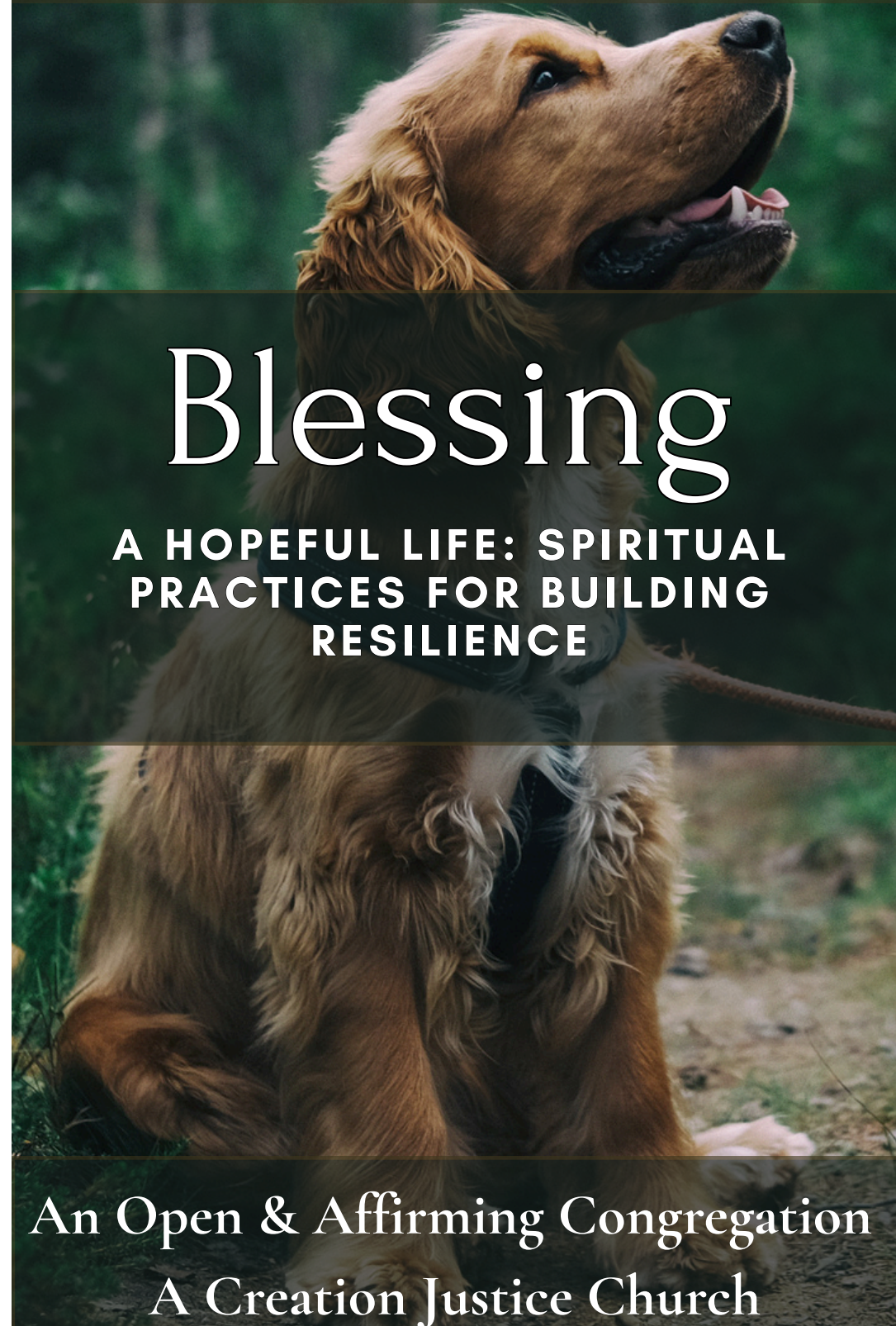
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First Congregational United Church of Christ, Longmont



Blessing

**A HOPEFUL LIFE: SPIRITUAL
PRACTICES FOR BUILDING
RESILIENCE**

**An Open & Affirming Congregation
A Creation Justice Church**

October 4, 2026

Gathering Music

Abby Jones

Hymn and Bringing in the Light

NCH#31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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

Rev. Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

Response: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it!
(see slides for full reading)

Gift of Music

UCC Longmont Bell Choir

All Creatures of our God and King

Scripture and Reflection

Numbers 6:22-27

Gift of Music

UCC Longmont Choir

“God Made the Animals” Bill Wolaver, Robin Wolaver

Blessing of the Animals

One: Blessed are You, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
Many: You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land.
One: You inspired wise people to call all of them our brothers and sisters.
Many: We ask You to bless these, our pets.
One: By the power of Your love, enable them to live according to Your highest good for them.
Many: May we always praise You for all Your beauty in creation.
One: Blessed are You, Lord our God, in all Your creatures! Amen.

Hymn During Blessing the Animals:

NCH #32 vs 1-2, 5-6

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Invitation to Communion

One: We are here because Jesus has invited us.
All: Strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.
One: It is always mixed company that Jesus invites to his table, where, in bread and juice he meets us:
All: And through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.

Prayers of the Community

Blessing the Bread and Cup

Sharing at the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

With the animals of creation, we say thank you.
With the cow, we say: moo.
With the dog, we say: woof.
With the horse, we say: neigh.
With the cat, we say: meow.
With the turkey, we say gobble, gobble.
And with our quiet animal friends, we sometimes simply whisper: Thank you.

Community Matters

Katie Wiser

Going in Song

Go Out Now in Peace

Sing! #212

Blessing

Postlude

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. 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.

This Week at UCC Longmont

Sunday, October 4

Adult Education: 9 am, Social Justice and Our Faith, Room 10

Blessing of the Animals, Intergenerational Worship & Communion: 10:15 am, Sanctuary

Church Chat: 11:15 am, Fireside Room

Monday, October 5

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

Hands Off Colorado Phone Banking: 4:30-7:00 pm, see Happenings for details

Tuesday, October 6

Open Contemplative Practice: 9:00 am, Fireside Room

Drum Circle: 6:30pm, Fireside Room

Wednesday, October 7

Drop in Office Hours for Rev. Amelia: 10:30 - 11:30

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:15 pm, Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal: 7:15 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 11

Adult Education: 9 am, Social Justice and Our Faith, Room 10

Worship & Children’s Church: 10:15 am, Sanctuary

Fellowship: 11:15 am, Fireside Room

Youth Ministry: Adventure: Anderson Farms Corn Maze and Trail of Terror! 5 pm - 9 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am–12:00 pm

UCC Longmont Events

Sunday Morning Adult Education: Join us for Sunday Morning Adult Education classes at 9 am each week in Room 10. Our current series is a study on Social Justice and our Faith.

Live captioning with Captional

Room name is UCCLONGMONT

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In a web browser

We use gluten-free bread and juice so that everyone can eat and drink together. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand