

Children's Church and Youth Group

Children's Church: This week in the Worship Room, our kids will be exploring the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Ginger and Michelle will be our Worship Room Hosts.

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) at 11:15 am following the service.

Youth Group: grades 6-12) - Serving: Cards of Love for Minneapolis 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

We'll meet in the youth room and order up some pizza and make cards with messages of love and support to share with people who are homebound in Minneapolis, MN because they are afraid to leave their homes because of the ICE action taking place in their neighborhoods.

Questions? Ask Rob Cronin - email:

youthministry@ucclongmont.org or cell: 612-481-4252

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Lent Prayer Praxis Group: Join Rev. Whitney on zoom **Monday evenings at 6:30 pm** throughout the season of lent as we explore various practices of prayer. From lectio divina and the prayer of examen, to prayer beads and pilgrimage we will practice new ways of connecting with God. This group will start on Feb 23 and run through March 30th with no class on March 16. Email Rev. Whitney with any questions or to sign up!

A Community for Women: Come join us on Wednesday, February 25th at 9:30 to explore the question, "What does Lent mean to us?" This will be an opportunity to discuss our own perceptions and experiences, as well as the ways in which Lenten practices can guide and support us in these challenging times. Our discussion will complement but not duplicate "The Poetry of Lent" series that Rev. Whitney introduced last week and will also draw on author/theologian Kate Bowler's invitation to "an honest and real reflection on what it means to follow Jesus through the ups and downs of our days."

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 subscribe to the e-newsletter, request a name tag, and ask questions in the comment section.



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Please use the offering boxes in the back of the Sanctuary if you would like to give on Sundays. You can also give through our two online options, Vanco Online or Vanco Mobile which can be found at ucclongmont.org/giving

All generosity is appreciated!



First Congregational United Church of Christ
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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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February 22, 2026 10:15 am **Sung Response** *On Eagle's Wings* NCH #775

Gathering Music Jessica Teal **Passing the Peace**

Hymn and Bringing in the Light *Here In This Place* Sing! #5 **Community Matters** Steve Tani

Welcome Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress **Going in Song** *Let It Shine* Sing #196

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey.
You are welcome here! **Blessing**
Postlude

Gathering Words and Opening Prayer
Rev. Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

One: Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...

Many: We follow our faithful Lord.

One: These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

Many: We follow our faithful Lord.

One: It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

Many: We follow our faithful Lord.

One: In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

Many: We follow our faithful Lord.

One: Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

Many: We follow our faithful Lord.

Hymn *Amazing Grace* NCH #547

Scripture and Reflection Matthew 4:1-11 Steve Tani

Gift of Music *"The Fairies Are Exquisite Dancers,"* Claude Debussy
Brian Hickman

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Father/Mother/Creator 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

This Week at UCC Longmont

Sunday, February 22

- **Worship and Children's Church** : 10:15 am, Sanctuary
- **New Member Class:** following the service
- **Plant Based Potluck:** 11:30 am, Fireside Room
- **Youth Group: Lunch and Games Together,** 11:00 am - 1:30

Monday, February 23

- **Men's Group:** 9:00 am- 12:00 pm, Fireside Room
- **Rev. Whitney Drop-In Office Hours** : 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
- **Lenten Prayer Praxis Group:** 6:30 pm on Zoom

Tuesday, February 24

- **Open Contemplative Practice** : 8:00 am, Fireside Room

Wednesday, February 25

- **A Community Of Women's Group: 9:30 am-11:30 am, Room 10**
- **Rev. Amelia Drop-In Office Hours** : 10:30-11:30 am

Church Office Hours

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

Prayers

Prayers for Kaitlynn and her partner as they navigate fertility challenges and consider various options for becoming parents. Prayers for Sharman as she grieves the death of her step-son Forrest, transitions to her new home in Topeka, and seeks a buyer for her house in Colorado. Prayers for Laurie Moore's sister as she receives care in the ICU while facing serious health concerns. Kung-Pu Li, Phyllis Rostykus's dad, for healing, and the entire family as they navigate the medical system. Prayers for Robin Nosek as she recovers from hand surgery. Prayers for the family of Rev. Anne Kear following her death. Prayer for Lina Zavala for healing as she starts a new chemotherapy. Prayers for all of those experiencing mental illness and their loved ones. Prayers for John Flanders for healing. Prayers for Arlie Ostrander. Prayers for spouses and family members needing to be healthcare advocates and caregivers. Prayers for healing and renewal for our Earth.