

Children's Church and Youth Group

Children's Church: Our kids will be exploring the disciples discovering Jesus is Alive in the worship room. The Worship Room Hosts this week will be Marin and Michelle.

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: (grades 6-12) No youth group meeting today - we're catching up on sleep after the Lock-In on Friday night! Questions? Ask Rob Cronin - email: youthministry@ucclongmont.org or cell: 612-481-4252

UCC Longmont Events

Intergenerational Retreat Planning: Join Rev. Whitney in planning an all church retreat for next Fall! If you'd like to participate in planning, have ideas, or would like to contribute to leading something at the retreat email Rev. Whitney a wjanzenpankratz@ucclongmont.org.

Better Ways to Read the Bible: How we read the Bible has a significant impact on our journeys of faith. Join Rev. Whitney for a four week class on **Mondays, April 13 - May 4, 5:30 - 6:30 pm** in the Fireside Room to explore how to read the Bible in a way that reclaims what some have turned into a weapon of harm into a tool of healing. Please email Rev. Whitney to register. This class will be based on the book Better Ways to Read the Bible by Zach Lambert. Participants reading the book is welcome, but not necessary.

Calling All Graduating Seniors! Graduating seniors: UCC Longmont would like to recognize and celebrate you during this exciting milestone. If you (or your parents) have not already received an email from Rob, please reach out to me so that we can be sure you are included in our celebration on May 10th! You can reach me at 612-481-4252 or at youthministry@ucclongmont.org.

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.



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CONSTRUCTING FAITH: WHAT IS RESURRECTION?

April 12, 2026 10:15 am

Gathering Music Abby Jones

Singing in the Light *In the Bulb There is a Flower*, NCH #433

Welcome Rev. Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey.

You are welcome here!

Gathering Words

One: God of Love,
In spite of our doubts,

**Many: may we recognize you in our midst:
wounded, and resurrected.**

One: in spite of our doubts,

**Many: may we know when we come face to face
with the love that is greater than all death.**

One: in spite of our doubts,

**Many: may we reach out to touch the wounds of the world's pain
trusting that when grace and love surround them
they will become part of Christ's resurrected body.**

One: and in spite of our doubts,

Many: may we live as though we are, too.

Gift of Music *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Scripture and Reflection *John 20:19-31*

Responsive Hymn

Not with Naked Eye, Not with Human Sense NCH #406

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father/Mother/God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Your kin-dom come.

Your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors,

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kin-dom and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Community Matters Tammie Ostdiek

Going in Song *Peace I Leave with You, My Friends*, NCH #249

Sending Words & Benediction

One: When others dismiss your story as an idle tale,
who will you be?

Many: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: When the world seems to be crumbling around you,
remember who you are:

Many: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: When despair would seem to squelch all hope,
believe in who you have become:

Many: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: When it is hard to persevere against all odds,
trust in God who names you:

Many: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: As we follow Christ into the world,
may God help us remember who we are . . .

Many: resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

Postlude

This Week at UCC Longmont

Sunday, April 12

- **Worship Service and Children's Church:** 10:15 am, Sanctuary
- **Fellowship Happy Hour:** 11:15 am, Fireside Room

Monday, April 13

- **Rev. Whitney Drop-In Office Hours :** 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm
- **Better Ways to Read the Bible:** 5:30 pm, Fireside Room

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

- **Rev. Amelia Drop-In Office Hours :** 10:30–11:30 am
- **Choir Rehearsal:** 6:00 pm- 7:15 pm, Sanctuary
- **Bell Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 pm- 8:45 pm, Sanctuary

Church Office Hours

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

Prayers

Prayers for Laurie Flanders, Lynette Moyer, and all of John Flanders family following his passing. Prayers for Ari Lopez and family following the death of Ari's grandmother, Elia. The Janzen-Pankratz family following the death of Nick's grandmother, Irene Janzen. Prayers for Laurie Moore following the death of her beloved sister. Kung-Pu Li, Phyllis Rostykus's dad, for healing, and the entire family as they navigate the medical system. 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.

My Dear Congregants,

I am inviting anyone who would like to attend the celebration of James Donald Klotz at our church home on **May 16th at 11:30**. There will be a dedication in our columbarium with a luncheon to follow .

I would ask that you RSVP . Thank you for all your support in my new chapter!