



**“GOD IS STILL SPEAKING”**

***NEVER PLACE A PERIOD  
WHERE GOD HAS PLACED A COMMA***

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## **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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**\*\* The two center sections of the sanctuary are equipped with a hearing loop.  
Turn on the T-coil in your hearing aid and sit in one of these sections  
for better hearing**

## **February 27, 2022**

*In order to understand the world, one has to turn away from it on occasion*

Albert Camus

**PRELUDE** Two settings of *Hyfrydol* D. Cherwien, M. Sedio

**INTROIT**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*  
black # 182vv. 1-3

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**God of light and retreat ~ We so often forget to turn  
to your light and retreat. Stabilize us so we secure  
ourselves in your love, even through difficult days.  
Remind us how we can be transformed.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Silence**

**Lord's Prayer (debts)**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

*Your Kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

**READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Luke 9:28-36 NRSV

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to

him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **SERMON**

## **REBOOT**

## **OFFERING**

### **Invitation and Dedication**

You may place your offering in the plate on the table behind the last pew or on the table in the Bock Crossway either before or after worship.

### **Offertory**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

J. & S. Pethel

## **HYMN**

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* black # 183 vv.1-5

## **BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Hyfrydol*

J. Nixon

*We invite you to remain quietly and celebrate the conclusion of worship in the postlude.*

*We hope that you find your worship experience meaningful.  
If you are new to the community, we invite you to make this your church home.*

### **In our Service Today**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Lori J. Souder
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	John Anz
<b>Organist/Pianist/Music Director:</b>	Larry Schipull
<b>Offertory Organist:</b>	Cynthia J. Morrell
<b>Hymn Singer:</b>	David Morrell
<b>Response Singer:</b>	Randy Purinton
<b>Deacon:</b>	Julie Burke

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini Mission Care Holyoke  
Luke Bradley (lifelong battle with cancer)  
Loxley Coffin, granddaughter of  
Karol and Art  
Joan Duffy  
Muriel Graham  
Tom Hazen  
Audrey Heinrichs  
Grace Hooton  
Eunice Howes, for stabilization of vision  
Phyllis and Jean Lacoste  
Anna Sibley  
Art Stanley  
Those struggling with addiction



*We keep our Member-in-Discernment,  
Emily Carle, in our prayers, in her seminary  
studies at Louisville Seminary*

*We keep all those affected by the  
Coronavirus, in our prayers*

### Situational:

Family and friends of Linda Boisselle, who  
passed away this week  
Audrey Heaphy's brother-in-law,  
Bob Brandt  
Hilton, brother of Greer Clarke,  
son of Yvette  
Jim K, with stomach cancer  
Becky McArthur, hospitalized  
Fay Paquette  
Alina Sokop, undergoing chemo  
Joyce Tomlinson, fell and broke a bone;  
also for the loss of a dear friend, Mike  
Nikki Wolf, Linda's granddaughter

*We keep those serving in the military in our  
prayers, including JB Pontes*

**If you have submitted one of these  
requests for prayer, please let us know  
when it is time to remove  
someone's name from the list.**

## **THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH**

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Church Members
<b>Senior Minister:</b>	Rev. Lori J. Souder
<b>Member in Discernment:</b>	Emily Carle

### **Christian Education Program**

**Children:** Martha Guild, Maddie Drake and Chelsea Korzeniowski  
**Youth:** Emily Carle and Kayla Scott-McDowell

### **Music**

<b>Organist:</b>	Larry Schipull
<b>Associate in Music:</b>	Cynthia Morrell
<b>Office Administrator:</b>	Cynthia Jubinville
<b>Sexton:</b>	Robert Farman



## Center Church Announcements

**Vigils for Racial Justice:** All who support racial justice are invited to stand with us along College Street on the first Saturday morning of the month (March 5<sup>th</sup>) from 10-10:30. The bell will ring! Please bring your own sign, flag, etc., masks optional, and be prepared to stand at least six feet from anyone not in your family circle. For more information, contact Center Church at 532-2262.

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**Ash Wednesday** - You are invited to celebrate Ash Wednesday at 6:30pm on March 2. It will be a hybrid service, with Church of Christ of Granby, UCC invited to join us. The offering will be directed to Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Through Lent the theme will be "Good Enough: Perfection is impossible. Transformation isn't."

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One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. The theme for 2022 is *Love Remains*, based on 1 Corinthians 13. In the theme scripture, the Apostle Paul helped newly converted Christians at Corinth embrace the virtue of love. Love is an active decision to think of others before self; to work on behalf of others; and to care for other with acts of kindness and advocacy. Paul taught that community is less about "me" and more about "us." Through your generosity, the United Church of Christ provided support that offered hope during times of despair. With your assistance we offered food, water, medicines, education, and opportunities for sustainable development. We will be collecting for OGHS March 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Lenten Book Study at Loomis Village and at United Congregational Church, UCC (300 Appleton St) in Holyoke

At Loomis we will be meeting March 17, 24, 31, and 7th from 10-11am in the Conference Room. All are welcome. And for those who prefer to listen to the book read, there will be an opportunity to meet at Priscilla and Jack Finn's apartment to listen a day or two before. We will study 2 chapters each week. The paperback version will be released March 8. Lori will drop them off at Loomis and your home. At United Congregational the study will be March 16 - April 6, 6:30 p.m. in parlor B. Both Lori Souder and Winston Baldwin will facilitate. Park across the street. We will be using Diana Butler Bass' book *Freeing Jesus* (HarperOne publisher). The cost of the book is \$15. You must place your order by February 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a signup sheet in the church office if you haven't spoken to Lori.

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### 2022 Summer Camp at Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center

The Southern New England Conference's Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center summer camp program schedule is now available!

<https://www.silverlakeect.org/files/content/silver+lake/silver+lake+files/slrcr+-+2022+summer+brochure-web.pdf>

Silver Lake offers one-week overnight camp experiences for 4th grade - high schoolers. Programs range from sports to science to the performing and visual arts.

Summer camp at Silver Lake offers Center Church young people experiences of inclusive and nurturing Christian community, opportunities to grow and participate as Christ's disciples, and a model of sustainable environmental stewardship of God's world. It's a fun week in the outdoors, making friends in God's back yard!

Registration for summer camp begins on January 15, at [www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org)