



# THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

In Person & Live Streamed



*Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ~Romans 12:11*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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*\*Please stand if able. **Bold** denotes unison response.*

**CHIMES**

Karen Needham

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Those wishing to make a brief announcement are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period. Prayer request cards may be found on the tables at the back of the church.*

**PRELUDE**

*What Is your Passion*

Pepper Choplin from cantata upon this Rock

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us rejoice for morning has dawned.

A new day has been born, and we are alive to enjoy it!

**O Lord, we rejoice that You have filled  
us with things beautiful and wonderful.**

Let us together praise the One who has adorned us with life.

**O God, bless us in sowing seeds of joy, gratitude, and hope to those  
within our church family and to others outside the walls of our  
congregation to Your glory.**

Hunger for the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit.

**May our lives and ministries be overflowing with Your divine,  
supernatural Being and Authority.**

**Let our voices shout with praise to God as we join in song.**

**\*HYMN**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Pilgrim (red) #1

**\*GATHERING PRAYER & \*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Loving Lord, we gather in Your holy presence today, seeking Your grace and guidance as we begin this worship service. In our prayers, singing our hymns, and hearing scripture read, may our hearts be open, our minds attentive, and our spirits receptive to Your Word. Grant us wisdom to discern Your will and understanding to follow Your guidance. May Your presence be felt among us, transforming our hearts and renewing our love for You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.*



**SPECIAL REQUEST**

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**OFFERING**

As we take time in our worship to offer our gifts to the church let us remember the words from Proverbs 11:25: *A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.* Our offerings each week support the important work we do together. May God bless each of you for your generosity. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering.



**OFFERTORY**

*Hiding in the Shadow of God*

Heather Sorenson

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts, Lord.  
Bless them and use them for the work of this church in serving others.

*(The youth are excused for Church school)*

## **SCRIPTURE**



John 2:13-18    Pew Bible pg. 863

## **SERMON**

*Ardent Anger*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**



*Joys & Concerns*  
*Moment of Silence*  
*Pastoral Prayer*

## **\*HYMN**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Chalice (Blue) #557

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Amen*

## **\*POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

*The Worship Is Ended ~ Our Service Now Begins ~*