

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 1, 2026 9:30A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING AND JUST PEACE CHURCH



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Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Jesus calls us to the well, inviting us to drink of the Living Water, and the life eternal.

Jesus calls us out of the shadows, out of the graves, to be entirely known, and entirely filled with God's presence.

Jesus calls us all: all who were made in God's own image, all who breathe the breath of God's spirit: the Spirit of Life.

Jesus calls us to the table, to the meal that nourishes our bodies and binds our dry bones into one Body, living in Christ.

Jesus calls us, here and now. Come to this table, you who are beloved in Christ. Come, not because you must, but because you may.

Communion Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Blessing of the Elements

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy one, we give thanks for the love that we cannot quite fathom but which you give in such abundance. You invite us, just as we are, to have our needs met, our uniqueness acknowledged, and to know that just as we are, we bear the imprint of a divinity - a universe - within us. May we give thanks not only in word, but in the ways that we show forth your love in our own lives. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of mercy, we spend a lot of time in wilderness wanderings, torn between the familiar and the promises of something better. May we keep ourselves centered in the liberating love that refuses oppression in all its forms. May we trust in our own belovedness, and in the worthiness of all of Creation. May we live in a way that opens us to newness, and grace, and mercy for all the world. May we remember that the Promised Land is not geography, but love made real in us. Amen.

***Hymn 349**

I Come with Joy

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Amen

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Born in Sweden, Buxtehude (1637-1707) spent most of his professional life in the German town of Lubeck. Generally considered to have been the greatest German organist prior to John Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), his playing and composing influenced the young Bach profoundly.

**written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website. <https://stillpointsa.org.au/>

***adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst, posted on the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#) website.

Altar Flowers given by Richard & Maurine Bastille
In loving memory of family and friends

TGIF Game Night Friday, March 6th 5p.m. to 7p.m. at the Church Hall

Coffee Hour Hosts Worship & Music

Book Club – March 25th 1p.m. in the Library
Theo of Golden by Allen Levy

Women's Breakfast March 18th, 8:30AM at the Water Street Cafe
Men's Breakfast March 6th & 20th, 8:00 AM at the Water Street Café

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