



# *First Congregational United Church of Christ*

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## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2023**



**Worship Leader**

Evie Waack

**Mini-Message**

Evie Waack

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Guest Preacher**

Rev. Janice Springer

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Evie Waack
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Evie Waack
One:	Each of us is a thread in the fabric from the loom of God.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Blessed be God, Source of the Universe.</b>	
One:	Think of your life as an intentional offering of all that you are, and that's enough.	
<b>ALL;</b>	<b>Blessed be God's Holy Name:.</b>	
One:	Present yourself as an instrument. All God has is you.	
<b>ALL;</b>	<b>Glory be to you, Great Spirit.</b>	
One:	It's not so much our ability that counts as our availability.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Holy One, teach us to love and serve you.</b>	
One:	Our temptation is to make ourselves less powerful than we are.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>O God, be the light in our darkness.</b>	
One:	We can't do everything for everyone everywhere, but we can do something for someone somewhere.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Use us, Lord, use even us. Amen.</b>	
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	#454 (NCH - Black)
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	from Nehemiah 3	Evie Waack
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Evie Waack
<b>Choral Anthem</b>		Chancel Choir
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	John 6:1-14	Evie Waack
<b>Message</b>	<i>"It's Enough"</i>	Rev. Janice Springer
<b>*Charge from Teresa d'Avila</b> (Unison)		Rev. Springer
	Christ has no body on earth but yours. Yours are the only hands with which he can do his work. Yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world. Yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth on a troubled world. Christ has no body on earth but yours.	
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	#283 (NCH - Black)
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Evie Waack

**Prayer** #769...Prayer...Lord's prayer...#769 Rev. Springer

**Invitation to Offertory** Evie Waack

**Offertory** Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**\*Doxology** #778 and prayer (unison) Evie Waack

Holy One, you call us to serve with compassion.  
You call us to work with you to heal the world.  
But sometimes we think we have nothing to offer.  
We think we are too old or too weak or too tired. Lord, forgive us.  
Sometimes we think our work is too small.  
We think we can't make a difference.  
We think our little efforts don't count. Lord, forgive us.  
We give what we have. We do what we can. We offer who we are.  
Use us for your work. Amen.

**\*Hymn** *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* #76 (NCH - Black)

**Benediction** Rev. Springer

**Postlude** Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* You are invited to Stand

Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.  
We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.  
After church, you will be able to pick up your kids in the church basement.

## EASTER LILIES



You may fill out this order form and place in the offering plate or call Michelle in the office. Orders may be placed throughout the month of March. Additional forms are in the library.

You may take your lily home with you after the Easter service (\$14.00 per lily).

Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church (*write "Easter Lily" in the memo*).

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

"In Memory of...": \_\_\_\_\_

"In Honor of...": \_\_\_\_\_