



First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024



Worship Leader
Anita Altenbaumer

Mini Message
Keith Jorgensen

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.*

Prelude	<i>Elegy in F minor Op. 55 No. 3 - Alex Guilmant</i>	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome & Announcements		Anita Altenbaumer
Call to Worship		Rev. Janice Springer
One:	Gracious God, we come to this Lenten season, to this worship hour, trusting that you will	
All:	Open our eyes to your presence. Open our ears to your call, Open our hearts to your love. Fill us with the spirit of Christ.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale</i>	#32 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Anita Altenbaumer
	Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this congregation may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, Amen.	
Mini-Message		Keith Jorgensen
Joys & Concerns		Anita Altenbaumer
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Springer
	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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 25:1-10	Anita Altenbaumer
Choral Anthem	<i>Set Me as a Seal</i> - René Clausen	Chancel Choir
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:1-11	Anita Altenbaumer
Message	<i>"Meeting Your Edge"</i>	Rev. Springer

*Hymn	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	(Insert)
Invitation to Offertory		Anita Altenbaumer
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#778 (NCH - Black)
	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.	
*Prayer of Dedication		Anita Altenbaumer
	Holy God, we give these gifts for the ministries within and beyond this community. As we begin this Lenten journey, grant us wisdom and courage for the times when we meet our edge. Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>God of Grace & God of Glory</i> (vs. 1, 2, 3)	#436 (NCH - Black)
*Benediction		Rev. Springer
*Song Benediction	<i>Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go</i>	(See Screen)
Postlude	<i>Short Prelude in G minor</i> - J S Bach	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.