

## Prayers

Prayers for Jim Bell who has entered hospice care. Prayers for Buffalo, for hope, strength, and assurance that God and people care. Prayers for Heidrun, a friend of Marie Smith's daughter, who has colon cancer. Prayers for Ning, Phyllis Rostykus' mother, who has a large and aggressive brain tumor, and for the family as they make care decisions. Prayers for healing for Jim Schwendeman, and for Heather Yokum and their family as they support Jim. Prayers for John Flanders for healing. Prayers for Heather August (please check Caring Bridge for updates). Prayers for Deborah Simmons; look for updates through Caring Bridge. Prayers for Hope Del Valle (Linda Zavala's niece) as she recovers from a stroke. Prayers for Arlie Ostrander. Prayers for spouses and family members needing to be healthcare advocates and

### Children Church and Youth Ministry

**Children's Church**-This week's service is intergenerational and will incorporate time for reflection for all ages. Children's Church meets again next week during the worship service. A staffed nursery is available in the back of the sanctuary for our youngest worshippers.

**Youth Ministry**- Personal Necessities Drive  
The Youth Group is sponsoring a Personal Necessities Drive benefiting HOPE for Longmont. We are collecting socks, underwear, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, hand warmers, etc.



### Financial Contributions Welcomed

Your generosity supports our mission and ministry at UCC Longmont! If you'd like to donate today, you can give online at <https://ucclongmont.org/giving/> or using the QR code.



There are also boxes on the back wall if you'd like to give by check or cash.

### Welcome!

A very special welcome this morning to visitors and guests and a welcome back to those who haven't been here for a while.

**We would love to know you are here!**

Use the QR code to subscribe to the e-newsletter, request a name tag, and ask questions in the comment section. Go ahead, give it a try!

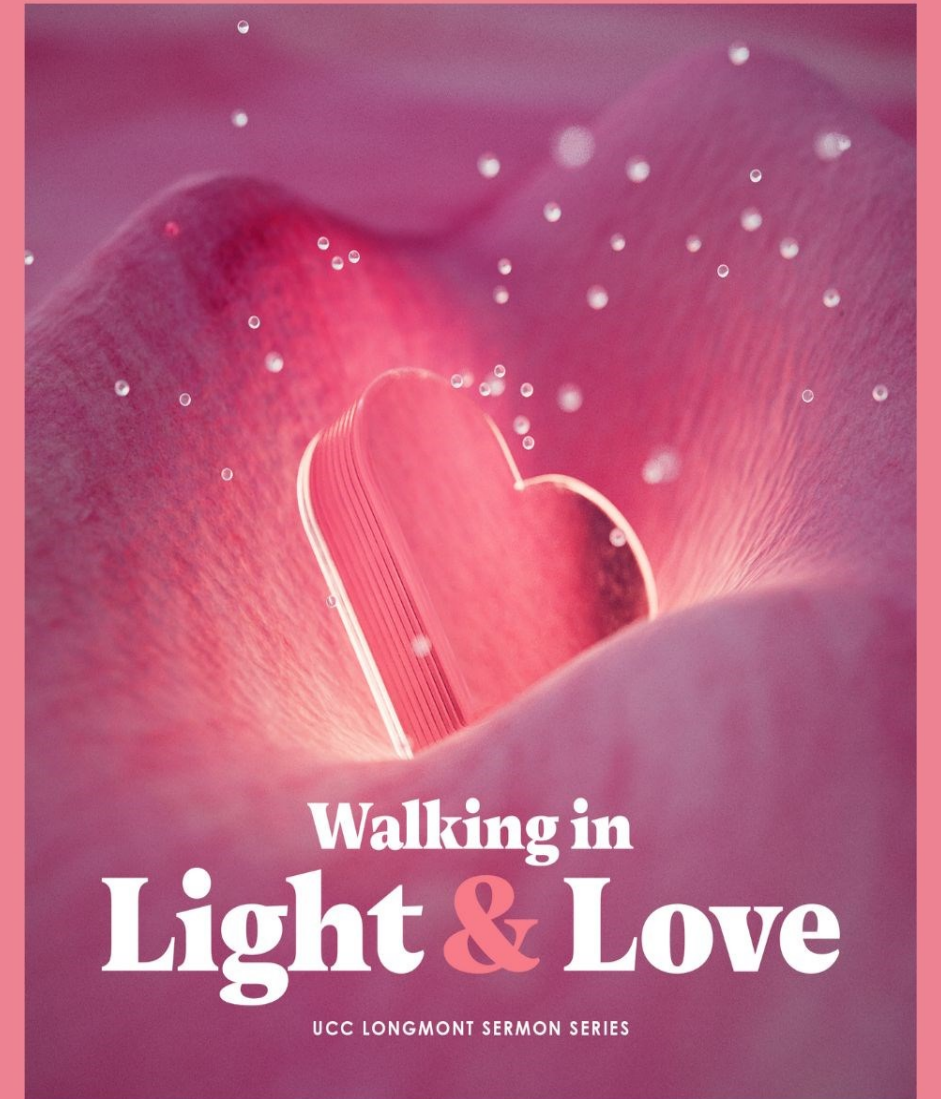


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# United Church of Christ Longmont



An Open and Affirming  
Congregation  
A Creation Justice Church

February 2, 2025 10:15 am Intergenerational Worship

Gathering Music Robert Hjelmstad

Welcome Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

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

**You are welcome here!**

Hymn & Bringing in the Light *Born From A Star* Sing! #48

Gathering Words Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

It's always been about the light with you,  
hasn't it, Jesus?  
Magi, braving distance and desert to find you,  
You, teaching, "do not hide your light," and "I am the Light of the  
World."

(pause)

And it is still the light that calls us to you;  
the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and  
places;  
the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-  
battered feet;  
the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and  
suffering;  
the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark  
corners of our world.

(pause)

It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it's always about the  
light for us. Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your  
marvelous light. Amen.

#### A Candle Blessing

For the candles that watch over us each Sunday morning,

**We ask your blessing.**

For the candles that are carefully cradled in little hands learning the ways  
of Church,

**We ask your blessing.**

For the candles whose flickering lights fill the sanctuary on Christmas Eve,

**We ask your blessing.**

And for us, people of faith finding way in the dark, we ask your blessing.

**May our eyes be open, our hearts be soft, and our feet be steady. Amen.**

Gift of Music *This Little Light of Mine* Arranged by Raffi

This little light of mine,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
I'm gonna take this light around the world,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
I won't let anyone blow it out,  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Everyday, everyday  
I'm gonna let my little light shine

Scripture & Reflection Mark 4:21-22, Matthew 5:15-16

Responding in Song *Call to Prayer* Sing #61

#### Invitation to Communion

One: The Communion table is a sacred table.

**Many: A sacred table that is given by God to all.**

Another: Given to each of us in equal measure

One: The only thing excluded at this table

**Many: is the spirit of exclusion.**

Another: It does not matter who you are or where you've been

**Many: If you have many seasons of faith or if the teachings of faith are  
new.**

One: God has set a place for you here at this table.

**Many: Where the bread of life and the cup of faith are freely given.**

#### Blessing the Bread and Juice

#### Sharing at the Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we  
also know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table,  
raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of  
the Spirit. Amen.**



We use gluten free bread and juice so  
that everyone can eat and drink  
together. If you would like a server to  
come to you, please raise your hand.

#### Sung Lord's Prayer

Our God in Heaven, your name is Holy  
Oh God of all, we sing your praise  
Your kingdom come, among all people  
For us here now, and all our days.  
Give us today, the things we need  
And keep our hearts, from fear and greed  
Forgive our sins, O Lord, we pray  
as we forgive, our hearts each day.  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power and glory

Community Matters Katie Wiser

Going in Song *Send Me* Sing! #202

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

#### This Week Schedule

##### Today, February 2, 2025

- Youth Group- Personal Necessities Drive Kick-off 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- Intergenerational Worship with Communion - 10:15 am
- Connection Circle in Sanctuary-11:15 am

##### Wednesday, February 5, 2025

- Rev. Amelia Drop-in office hours- 10:00-11:00 am
- Bell Choir- 5:30 pm- 6:45 pm
- Voice Choir-7:15 pm-8:45 pm

##### Thursday, February 6, 2025

- Whitney Drop-in office hours- 11:00 am-12:00 pm

##### Office Hours

- Monday-Friday- 9:00 am-12:00 pm