

## Prayers

Prayers for Miryam Hammond for healing. Prayers for Wayne and the entire Simmons family following the death of Deb Simmons. Prayers for Randy Porter following the death of his mom. Prayers of peace and support for Ning, Phyllis Rostykus's mother, and their family while Ning is in hospice. Prayers for JoAnn Bell following Jim Bell's passing. Prayers for Heidrun, a friend of Marie Smith's daughter, who has colon cancer. 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 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 caregivers. Prayers for healing and renewal for our Earth.

### Children and Youth

**Children's Church**-Children's Church meets this week during worship. Children begin in the sanctuary and then are invited to leave if they'd like. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the service.

**Youth Group**- Youth Group Lunch and Lesson March 23rd 11 am - 12:30 pm Join us for lunch and a Week 3 lesson in the series "Letting Go." What if Lent was less about giving up a single item or action as a sacrifice and more about learning to "let go" of the things that pull us away from God? The goal of these lessons is to frame Lent as a journey of liberation from the things that hinder us from living a prosperous life of joy.

### Financial Contributions Welcomed

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### 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.

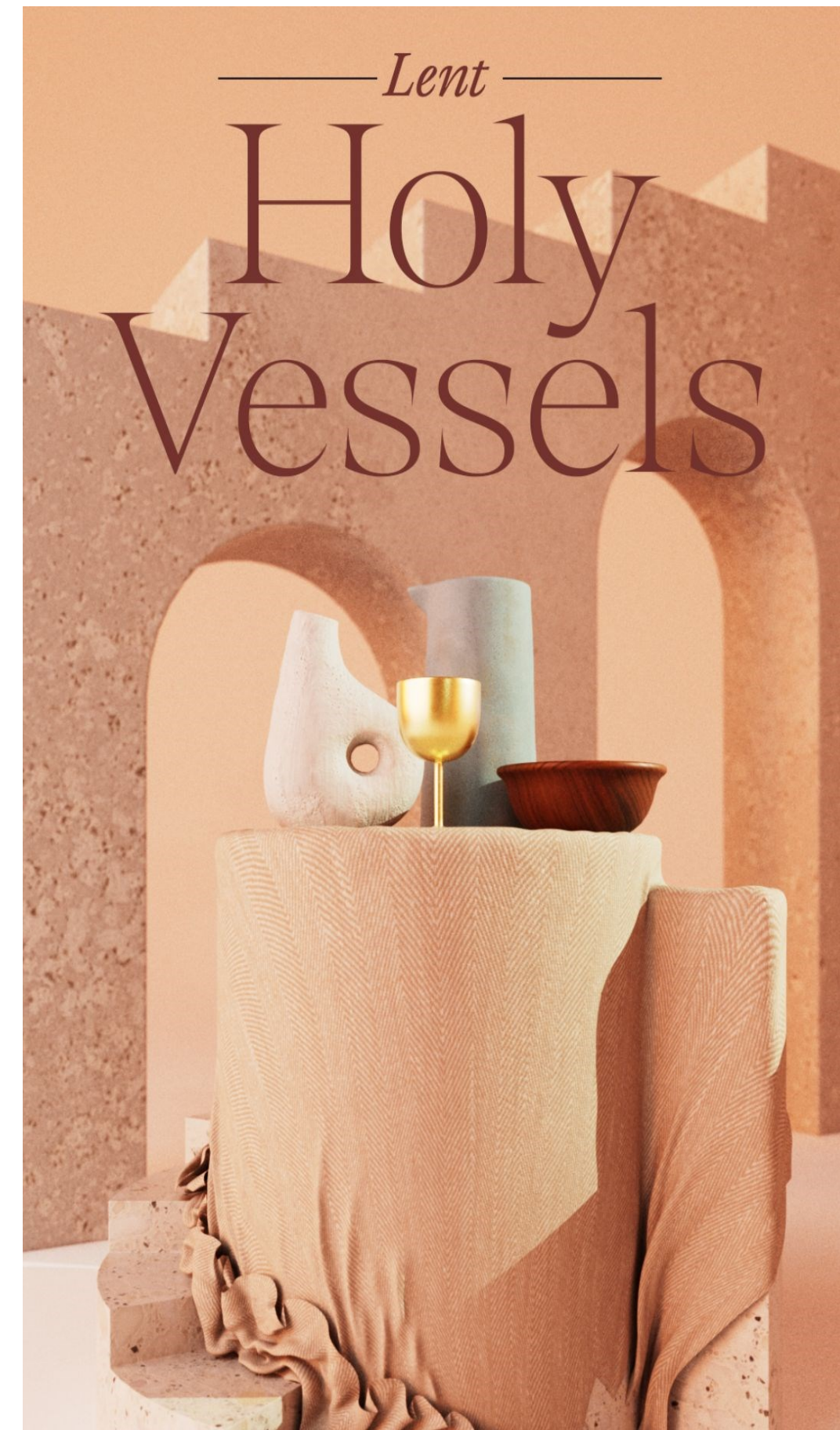
**We would love to know you are here!**

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

March 9, 2025 10:15 am Worship

Gathering Music Robert Hjelmstad

**Singing in the Light**

*Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts* NCH #589 vs 1, 4

Welcome Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

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

**You are welcome here!**

**Opening Prayer**

Sung Response: Holy Vessels, insert

**Words of Assurance**

Gift of Music *L'heure exquise* by Paul Verlaine

The white moon shines in the forest,  
From every branch comes forth a voice,  
Under the foliage,  
Oh beloved!  
The pond, a deep mirror, reflects  
The silhouette of the dark willow  
In which the wind is crying.  
Let us dream, 'tis the hour!  
A vast and tender calm  
Seems to descend from the firmament,  
Which the orb clads in rainbow colors;  
'Tis the exquisite hour!

Scripture and Reflection Matthew 8:1-4, 16-17 Rev. Erin Gilmore

Hymn *Be Now My Vision* NCH #451

Covenanting and Installation of Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

Rev. Erin Gilmore, Acting Conference Minister, Rocky Mountain Conference  
Allyson Lee, Committee on Ministry, Rocky Mountain Conference  
Steve Tani, Moderator, First Congregational UCC, Longmont

**Greeting and Introduction**

One: There are different gifts,  
**Many: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
One: There are different ways of serving God,  
**Many: But it is the same God who is served.**  
One: Each one is given a gift by the one Spirit,  
**Many: To use for the common good.**  
One: Together we are the body of Christ,

**Presentation**

**Covenant**

**Church: We, the people of First Congregational, UCC Longmont, receive Amelia Richardson Dress as our pastor and teacher. We covenant to uphold her with our prayers, to share her joys and sorrows, to attend to her preaching and teaching of God's word, to welcome her pastoral care and to honor her leadership. We covenant to work with Amelia to discern God's call in our lives, to follow the Holy Spirit's way of reconciliation, and to share in Christ's ministry of love for all people.**

**Members of the Rocky Mountain Conference: We, the members of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ, affirm our covenant. We promise to work together in Christ's reconciling ministry of love for all people as we are led by the Holy Spirit.**

**Covenanting Prayer**

**Declaration**

**Conference Minister: In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, and on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Christ of Christ, we declare Amelia Richardson Dress duly installed as pastor and teacher of UCC Longmont.**

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Community Matters** Kelli Bronski

**Going in Song** *Let It Shine* Sing #196

**Benediction and Anointing**

**Postlude**

**This Week Schedule**

**Today, March 9, 2025**

- Sunday Worship Service- 10:15 am
- Happy Hour-After Worship-Fireside Lounge
- Youth Group- No Youth Group on Sunday this week

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

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

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

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

**Office Hours**

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

**Holy Vessels**

Ves - sels, hol - y and whole. Bro - ken, need - ing the One

O - pen, bod - y and soul Heal - er, come. Repeat As Needed