

Born to Read

Please join us to fill bags for Born to Read on **Thursday, March 20th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Room 10**. We are delivering over 100 bags each month, mostly to Longs Peak Hospital, and would also love to have a few volunteers to help us with that. You can contact Marian Parsons (jmparsons@lpcnextlight.com) or Mary Baskett (marybaskett4@gmail.com) if you have questions.



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 (grades 6-12)- No Youth Group on Sunday this week due to La Foret Spring Retreat. Youth Group will meet again for a Lunch and Lesson March 23rd 11 am - 12:30 pm. Questions? Ask Rob Cronin - email: youthministry@ucclongmont.org or cell: 612-481-4252

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.

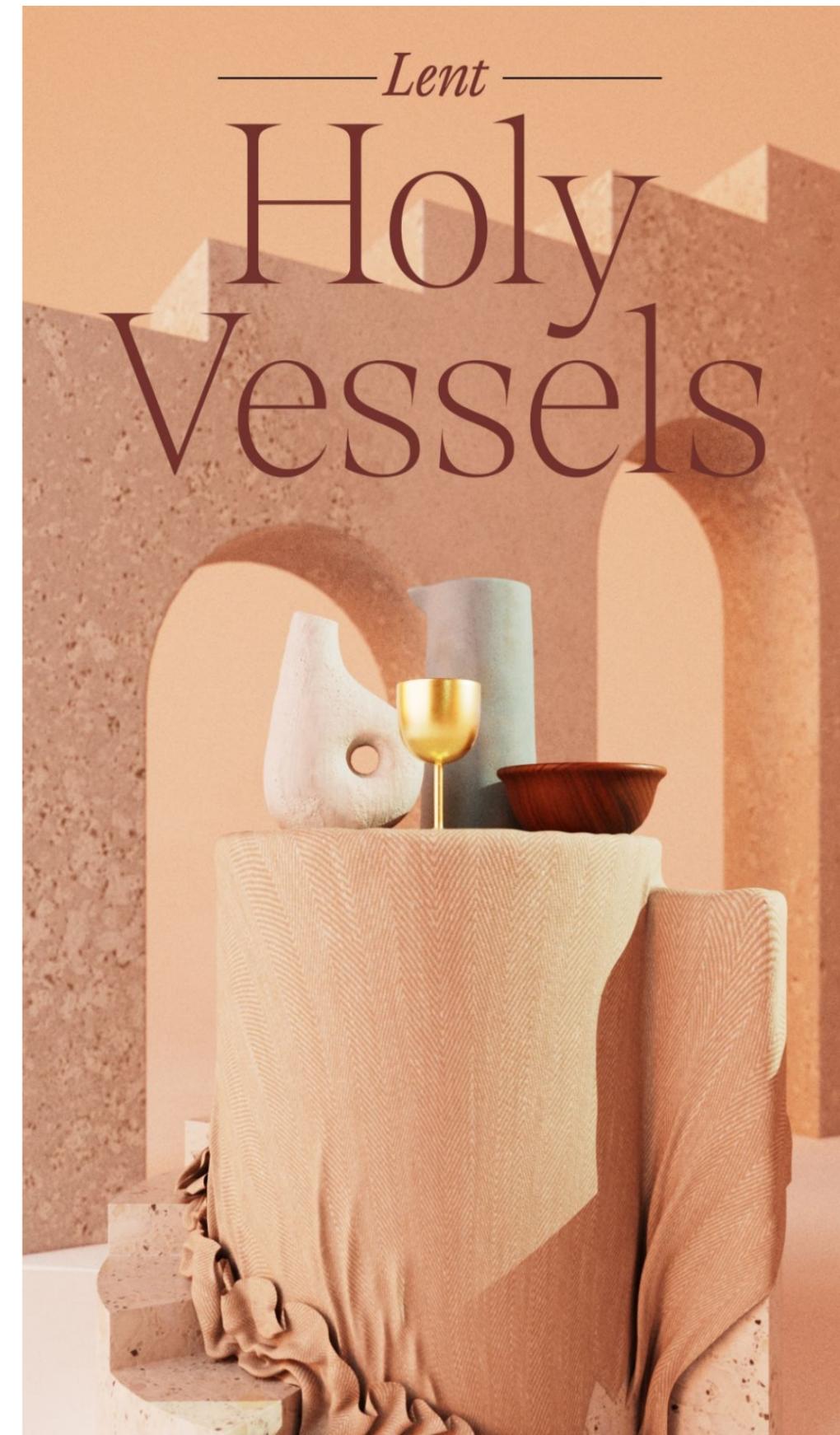
We would love to know you are here!

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

March 16, 2025 10:15 am Worship

Gathering Music Robert Hjelmstad

Singing in the Light Gather Us, O God Sing! #45

Welcome Whitney Janzen-Pankratz

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

You are welcome here!

Prayer of Confession

One: God of All, You created us for each other. You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another.

All: Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up.

One: We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity.

All: We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices.

One: Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness.

All: We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

One: People opened their lives to Jesus. We are drawn to the Healer—opening our hearts with honesty about our lives and finding assurance that offers peace.

All: Help us, Healer. Show us our empathy. Forgive our complacency. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

One: In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

(Silence)

Sung Response Holy Vessels

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

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

Words of Assurance Rev. Amelia Richardson Dress

Gift of Music No One Is Alone by Stephen Sondheim

Scripture, Reflection & Song of Lament Karen Henderson, Katie Wiser
Matthew 8:5-13, Kyrie Eleison (W&R #377)

Unison A D E A

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 1 O Lord, have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, O
 2 O Christ, have mer - cy, O Christ, have mer - cy, O
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F# Bm E A (C)

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 ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 ré po - ria - jú ve - re - kó, *Nan - de - ya - ra.

Hymn We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness NCH 179

Prayer of the Community

One: Healer of our every ill, especially our malady of separation and fear, we come before you to make our petitions known.

All: Hear our cries for healing of body, mind, and spirit. We know that already you are at work among us, showing us the way to connection.

One: As pieces scattered and separated, we trust that you are seeking us, gathering us into wholeness, and calling us to join you in the quest.

All: People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.

One: In the silence we hold together we hear you in our breath, and rest in the care of your love. Hear the grief and longing of each heart...

(silence)

In your transforming love we pray, AMEN.

Passing of the Peace

Community Matters Steve Tani

Going in Song Go Out Now in Peace Sing! #212

Benediction and Anointing

This Week's Schedule

Today, March 16, 2025

- Sunday Worship Service- 10:15 am
- Youth Group- No Youth Group this week due to La Foret Spring Retreat

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

- Bell Choir- 5:30 pm– 6:45 pm
- Voice Choir-7:15 pm-8:45 pm

Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

Friday, March 21, 2025

- Office Closed

Office Hours

- Monday-Thursday– 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Rev. Amelia will be out of the office March 17-March 23. For pastoral emergencies during that time, please contact Whitney Janzen-Pankratz. Rev. Amelia will return calls, texts and emails when she returns to the office.

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.