

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A United Church of Christ Congregation

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

* Congregation may stand

Wherever you are on your journey ... you are welcome here.

Prelude arr., George Shearing
Jerusalem My Happy Home

Welcome

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:00 Emily Burling, Tori Slotter
10:30 Madi Campbell, Claire Cambell

Introit God So Loved the World John Stainer
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship C. S. Cartwright

One: We gather to give thanks
for all we have received from God:

**All: to praise God's holy name;
to acknowledge and confess our sins;
to hear God's holy word;
to ask those things needful for life.**

One: Let us draw near to God in all humility,

**All: and let us celebrate God's
infinite goodness and mercy.**

* **Hymn 27** Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) adapted from C. Longhurst
God, you loved this world so much that you sent your own
son Jesus Christ, to live and die among us, in order that we
might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to
ourselves; for choosing self-interest over compassion; for
thinking we can create a life of meaning and purpose all on
our own, without you. Remind us, once again, of the life you
offer us when we lean on you and journey with you at our
side. Hear our prayers... (*moments for silent reflections*)

Words of Assurance

Anthem

9:00 Ain't Got Time To Die Hall Johnson

10:30 Pie Jesu Robert McIver
Cherub Choir and Explorer Choir

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer Katie Morgan

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. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* **Hymn 445** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

Pastoral Prayer

Thanksgiving for Cindy Taussig Deily

Offertory

9:00 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross G. Martin
based on a tune by Lowell Mason

10:30 Ain't Got Time To Die Hall Johnson

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Bless these offerings, Gracious God, and bless us. On this
Lenten journey, help us commit to your call to do justice,
love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Inspire us to act
with mercy, give generously, pray daily, right wrongs,
and worship weekly. Guide us on this journey to live
faithfully, to live fully, to live in the Micah way, to follow
Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lesson John 3:14-21, pg 81 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Peter Wiley

* **Hymn** We Are Called David Haas
(see back of Announcement packet)

* **Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

Postlude Promised Land arr., Sam Batt Owens

*Dan Knapp – tenor; Sarah Matyja – viola;
Libby Walker – violin; Fern Jennings – organist*

**First Congregational Church
Welcomes Our Guests**

*We are thankful you are sharing
in worship with us this morning.*

*Every Sunday, our 10:30 and 11:59 services
are also lived streamed on our website and on Facebook.*

First-time visitors, please take a
Welcome Bag from outside of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins and **hearing assist devices**
are available from ushers.

Following worship, clergy will greet worshippers
in the narthex or you may also exit the sanctuary
through the door to the left of the chancel.

Parents With Young Children

During the **10:30 and 11:59 worship services**,
the Alcove is available for parents with young children
who would like to **view the worship
service on live stream television**. Please feel free
at any time to leave the sanctuary and make your way to
the Alcove, located near the 2nd floor elevator.
Check with an usher if you need assistance.

An activity basket is available at the back of the
sanctuary for the enjoyment of young children.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall
for coffee and fellowship after worship.

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Peter Wiley Senior Pastor
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*The Rev. Jonathan Dodson, Chaplain, Laurel Lake Retirement Community
The Rev. Janet Ross, Mission for Haiti/Amistad Chapel*

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**Micah Project Practice:
Worship**

DO  JUSTICE
LOVE  MERCY
WALK  HUMBLLY

The Micah Project

**Sunday, March 11, 2018
9:00 and 10:30 am
(or join us at 11:59)**

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