



# Church on the Hill, Lenox

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

## Preludes

### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 121 adapted

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: He will not let our footing be moved; he who keeps us will not slumber.

**All: He who keeps his Beloved will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: The Lord is our keeper;

**All: the Lord is our shade at our right hand.**

One: The sun shall not strike us by day nor the moon by night.

**All: The Lord will keep us from all evil;**

One: he will keep our lives and our life together.

**All The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

One: In this, it is so, this which we declare in greeting one another,

“The peace of the Lord be with you.”

**All: And also with you.**

### \* Hymn NCH #208 God Loved the World

## Prayer of Invocation

In unison

*Spirit God, we gather into this sanctuary that holds us and keeps us, where are soothed by your presence and charged by your immediacy, where we sense in this gathered people a shared purpose to enact your love.*

*We do this also knowing that you call us out—out to where you also are, surprising, breaking down and breaking through, moving amidst this ever-moving creation, the world made alive anew with your spirit, a joining together of that which is here below with that which is above and beyond.*

*Here, we who've been born of the flesh, are born also from above, our eyes raised, our vision made higher, our hope and imagining made grand for your wild and good purpose. Grant us such faith so to move with your movement. Grant us such grace as to transcend our stubborn sin that would have us fixed and unmoving, proud and unforgiving.*

*For indeed we are mired in sin, which has us sinning against you and against life itself, in thought, word, and deed, in what we've done and in what we've left undone. We have not loved you with a unity of heart; we have not loved our neighbors nor even truly ourselves. We are at times utterly bereft, and so, in you, we utterly hope—that you forgive us and thus free us so we might move once again toward your glorious aim and end, all realized in Christ, crucified and raised to live again and forever more in peace.*

*It is in him that we pray, he whose obedience to your loving will was disobedience to the ways of the world. It is in him also that we live now and forever more. Amen.*

**Anthem**

COH Pickup Choir

**Readings**            John 3:1-17

**Prayer of Preparation**

One: May the words of my mouth

**All: And the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Sermon**

\* Hymn NCH #342 Be Known to Us

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table; Remembering the Story; Consecrating the Elements

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Joys and Concerns**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us pray.

## Spoken Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Offering

### \* Doxology

Tune NCH #780

***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.***

\* Hymn NCH #605 *As Moses Raised the Serpent*

### \* Announcements

\* Closing Song *Amazing Grace* Please turn to others while singing!

***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!***

***I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.***

## Benediction

## Postlude

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### **About the Church on the Hill, Lenox**

First gathered in 1769, the Church on the Hill, UCC, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, welcomes all who seek to know God and invites everyone to join in our common life and mission through participation in this congregation. As Jesus Christ did before us, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one reconciled body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender identity and gender expression, sexual identity, and physical or mental ability, to journey together toward the promised realm of God. On the threshold of Christ's open door, the Holy Spirit leads us into a beloved world where we seek to serve as Christ's disciples for the sake of God's good news which is for all.

**Come as you are. Receive As you need. Serve as you can.**

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