



# *First Congregational United Church of Christ*

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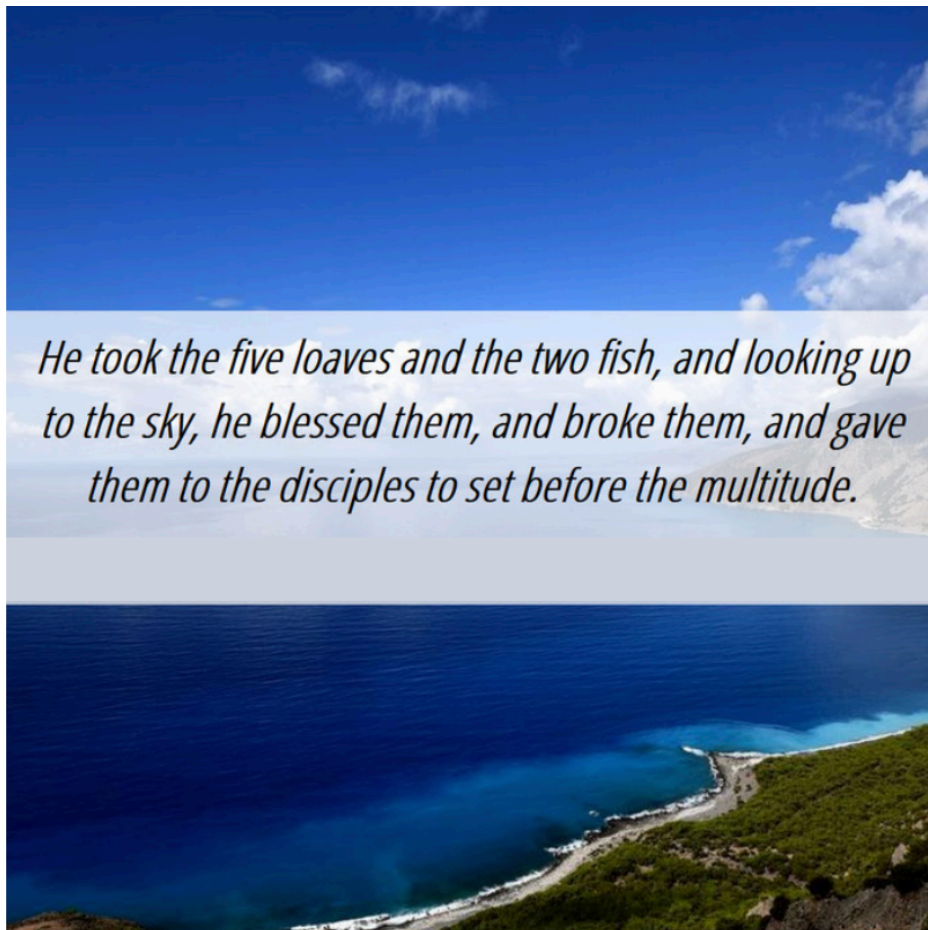
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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 26, 2023**



*He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to the sky, he blessed them, and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.*

**Worship Leader**

Abbie Chronister

**Mini-Message**

Gina Greene

**Director of Music**

Luke Overton

**Guest Speaker**

Jenny Nelson  
Director of LoveINC

**Organist**

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

**Office Manager**

Michelle Wolfe

**Custodian**

Kyle Lindaman

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

<b>Prelude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Abbie Chronister
<b>Call to Worship</b>	from Psalms 113 and 92	Abbie Chronister
Leader: Blessed be the name of God from this time on and forevermore.		
<b>People: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of God is to be praised.</b>		
Leader: It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;		
<b>People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.</b>		
<b>*Prayer of Invocation</b> (unison)		Abbie Chronister
Break now the bread of life, dear Christ to me, as you once broke the loaves beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit yearns for you, O Living Word.		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	#86 (NCH - Black)
<b>Joys &amp; Concerns</b>		Abbie Chronister
<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		Abbie Chronister
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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.		
<b>Mini-Message</b>		Gina Greene
<b>Choral Anthem</b>		Chancel Choir
<b>Invitation to Offertory</b>		Abbie Chronister
<b>Offertory</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
<b>*Doxology</b>		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		Abbie Chronister

<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Luke 9:10-17	Abbie Chronister
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Great is Your Faithfulness</i>	#423 (NCH - Black)
<b>Message</b>	<i>Jesus is Always One Step Ahead</i>	Jenny Nelson
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	#227 (Pilgrim - Red)
<b>Benediction</b>		Jenny Nelson
<b>Postlude</b>	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

\* You are invited to Stand

Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.  
 We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.  
 After church, you will be able to pick up your kids in the church basement.

## EASTER LILIES



You may fill out this order form and place in the offering plate or call Michelle in the office. Orders may be placed throughout the month of March. Additional forms are in the library.

You may take your lily home with you after the Easter service (\$14.00 per lily).

Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church (*write "Easter Lily" in the memo*).

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

"In Memory of....": \_\_\_\_\_

"In Honor of....": \_\_\_\_\_