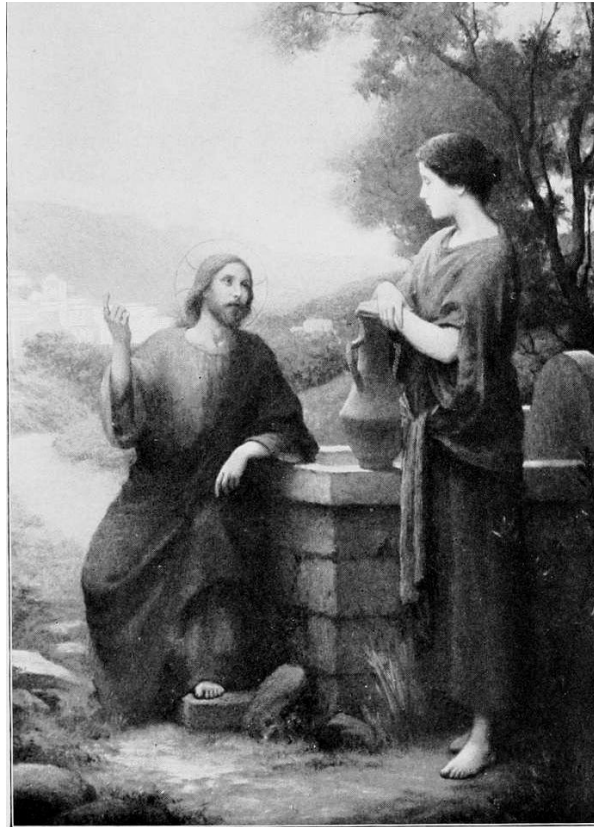


# The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

March 8, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Third Sunday in Lent



*From the soil of mistakes, we harvest lessons of wellbeing,  
watering our roots with the wisdom of experience.*

—Dr. Prem Jagyasi

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## **Gathering Music/ Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Introit**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 95 *New Century Hymnal*, pages 683-84

**Hymn** TWC #325 *It Is Good to Sing Your Praises*

## **Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)**

God of glory and might, God of gentleness and light, we gather seeking to know your presence. Heighten our senses so we may discern your way. We know that our perception is distorted by our sin. We confess we have strayed from your path when it became inconvenient. We wronged our neighbors with thoughtless actions and careless words. Forgive us, we pray. Open us to all that you offer and enable us to follow. Help us to listen to you in the silence we offer...

## **Words of Assurance**

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

## **Children's Message**

**Lord's Prayer:** (trespasses)

## **Joys and Concerns**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Sung Amen**

**Scripture Lesson:** Exodus 17:1-7, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

## **Scripture Response**

Leader: For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,  
for the Word within us:

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sung Response** (2 Times) Psalm 119:105  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

## **Sermon**

**Hymn** NCH #207 *Just as I Am*

## **Call to Offering**

**Doxology** Old Hundredth  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***  
***Praise God, all creatures here below;***  
***Praise God above, you heavenly host:***  
***Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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

God, in gratitude for all you have given, we offer this portion. Bless these gifts and all who give of time, talent, and treasure. Inspire us with your wisdom so we may employ what we offer to your service. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**Hymn** NCH #489 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## **Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *UBI CARITAS* (Latin then English)

*Ubi caritas et amor,*

*Ubi caritas, deus ibi est.*

*Where there is charity, selfless love,*

*Where there is charity, God is truly there.*

**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Malmberg

**Ushers and Greeters:** Peg Winnen and Betty Prentiss

**Lay reader:** Betty Prentiss

**Music Director:** Anna Dunn

**Zoom Director :** Paul Looney

**Office Administrator:** Linda Wright

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**Please pray for:** Dean Prentiss, Bill Sudsbury, Chuck Shaw, Dave Adams

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard, Carole Hill and Carol Lamp

*The Altar flowers today are given today by Nancy Sloan.*

On the cover: *When the King Came; stories from the four Gospels*, artist unknown, illustration from a book of the same title, published 1904, Boston – New York

**Don't forget: Council Meeting on Saturday, March 14 at 9 a.m.**