

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN**

March 24, 2021

*"Lenten Worship"*

6:30 pm

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**WELCOME**

**L:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all...

**P:** **And also with you.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

***"In God Alone"***

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy,  
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SONG**

***"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"***

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 43:18-19, John 1:35-39a**

**HOMILY**

***Teach Us to Pray: Imagine***

**Rev. Chris Myers**

**PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS & LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

*Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity;  
God will dwell with you.*

**...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.**

**BLESSING**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Isaiah 43:18-19**

Do not remember the former things,  
 or consider the things of old.  
 I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.

**John 1:35-39a**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.”

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*Worship participants for this week:*

<i>Audio/Visual:</i>	<i>Jeff Hoffman, Andy Myers</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Jamie Mills, Marsha Pearson, David Reilly</i>
<i>Preacher:</i>	<i>Rev. Chris Myers, Rev. Stacy Johnson Myers</i>

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**Holy Week Worship**

Holy Week is the most important week for Christian people. In it we see the depth and power of God’s love at work in the world and our call to carry to embody that love in our living today. All the services will offer both in-person and livestream options and our Sunday services are also broadcast on WEVR radio. Our Holy Week schedule will be:

Palm Sunday	Worship at 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	Worship at 6:30 pm
Good Friday	Worship at 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday	Worship at 8:00 am outdoors (weather permitting)
	Worship at 9:00 and 10:00 am
	(All Easter service will include communion)