

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING

March 1, 2026

(8:30 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Dennis Raley, Director of Music

GATHERING WORDS

*OPENING HYMN #265 *O Christ, the Healer (v. 1,2,5)*

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespases*)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD *John 11:1-44 (pp. 978-979)*

SERMON "*Tears Bring Comfort*"

Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN *When Lazarus Lay in Death's Cold Shroud*
Patterson/Dykes (Insert)

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION:

The way is long, let us go together.

The way is difficult, let us help each other.

The way is joyful, let us share it.

The way is Christ's, for Christ is the Way; let us follow.

The way is open before us, let us go:

With the love of God, the grace of Christ,

and the communion of the Holy spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dennis Raley, Director of Music



Thank you for coming this morning. Though it is winter outside, we hope you will feel the warmth of God's love today! You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

JESUS WEPT

John 11:35

"Lazarus," he cries,
"Come out!"

The voice echoes in the silence,
Spilled like shards of stone
Upon the hard, unfeeling earth.

This is the place
Of broken hearts and stolen dreams,
The place where hope cannot reach.
But love climbs the ragged hill,

Plows the barren soil
Where the bones are buried,
Fists the sullen air,
And cries, cries

Like a wounded child
In a world of countless deaths.

These are love's tears
Which work the miracle--
The helpless, holy things
That fall like rain

Upon the lifeless ground,
So that something green
May rise.

-Timothy Haut, April 10, 2011

Lent

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DEEP RIVER, CT
MARCH 1, 2026 (10:00 A.M.)

*As we enter the sanctuary to praise God and the prelude begins,
please observe a respectful silence for the sake of those who use
this time for prayer and meditation.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Music Alone Shall Live* Arr. Sondra Tucker
Chancel Handbell Choir

INTROIT *God Be in My Head*

GATHERING WORDS Russ Jensen, Lay Reader

*OPENING HYMN #265 *O Christ, the Healer* (v. 1,2,5)

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 121* (Red Hymnal p. 844)

*RESPONSE #473 *Lead Me, Lord*
*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.*

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

RESPONSE #2215 *Cares Chorus* (Please remain seated)
*I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And anytime that I don't know what to do
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

ANTHEM *I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills* (Psalm 121)
Cathy Moglebust Handbells & Organ

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalm 104:27-30* (p. 544)

GOSPEL LESSON *John 11:1-44* (pp. 978-979)

SERMON "*Tears Bring Comfort*"

PRAYER Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

COMMUNION HYMN #2152 *Change My Heart, O God*
(You may remain seated)

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CHORAL RESPONSE *Peace* Norbet/Callahan

* Please stand, if you are able

***As the postlude begins, please remain in your seats and enjoy the
special music as you reflect on this morning's service.***

POSTLUDE Dennis Raley, Director of Music



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church, please visit our secure online giving portal at deprivercc.org/give.*

