

WONDERFUL Wednesday

“The Stations Of The Cross”

Faith Congregational Church, U.C.C. ~ 2030 Main St; Hartford, CT 06120 ~ www.faithmatterstoday.org

March 12, 2025 ~ 12 P.M.

Prelude		Mr. Wayne Dixon
Welcome & The Call to Worship	(Congregants read bold)	Rev. Cleo Graham, Pastor
<i>The season of Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem. Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth. Lent not only calls us to give up something, but also invites us to participate in the mystery of God-with-us. By your grace, call us from grief into gladness, despair into hope, estrangement into right relations with each other and with the earth.</i>		
Gathering Hymn	“Come Thou Fount”	#175 AAHH
The Call to Confession	(silently)	Dea. Al Strother
Prayer of Confession	(spoken together)	Dea. Al & Congregants
<i>“God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.”</i>		
Declaration of Forgiveness	(spoken together)	Dea. Al & Congregants
<i>“Christ Jesus is the source of eternal salvation for all who believe. God whispers in our ears and writes upon our hearts that we are children of light. We hear these words and know them to be true, that by the faith of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Glory be to God!”</i>		
Introduction of Guest Preacher		Dea. Al
Reading of Scripture		Rev. Arthur Gaither
STATION 1: “Jesus Is Condemned To Death” (Mark 15:1-15)		
STATION 2: “Jesus Takes Up His Cross” (John 19:16-17)		
Selection	“Nailed To The Cross”	Sis. Norma Sproul
Lenten Message	BEHOLD THE MAN!	Rev. Arthur Gaither
Prayers of the People		Dea. Al
Closing Hymn	“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”	#252AAH
Benediction		Rev. Arthur Gaither

  Free Will Offerings welcomed, and please take a Complimentary Lunch!  

Wonderful Wednesday (WW) takes place every Wednesday through April 16th at 12p.m. You may also tune in to WW and Sunday Worship via our YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@FaithUCCHfd>