

April 7, 2019  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
**Something New**  
Isaiah 43:16-21

Exodus and Exile: the most momentous experiences in ancient Israel's life. In each hour of need, God heard the cry of the people and sent prophets--Moses in Egypt, and prophets like Isaiah to the people in Babylon. For Israel, exile was being lost, homesick, divided, unmoored, rootless except for memory. It must have been hard to resist the temptation to settle down, fit in, sell out, and forget the story that had held them together. After all, what good had all that done them? Into that heartache and doubt stepped a poet-prophet to sing a new song about ancient things, and the new thing that the God of old was about to do.

## **General Synod 32**

You're invited to the United Church of Christ's Thirty-Second General Synod that will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21-25, 2019!

*The theme for the 32nd General Synod is based on the scripture Matthew 5:16 "In the same way let your light shine before others . . ."*

"When we light just one candle in the darkness, it illuminates dimly, but when many candles are lit, and all let their lights shine, together we can bring brightness to the world." — The Rev. Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference Minister.

Always an extraordinary event in the life of the Church, delegates and visitors will experience dynamic workshops, generative plenary sessions, inspirational worship, engaging youth activities, special banquets, and luncheons. Delegates will conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries. Keynote speakers will offer illumination and insight into challenges that face our congregations and communities. And delegates and visitors alike will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness, worship together, and participate in local community service projects.

Find out more at [www.synod2019.org](http://www.synod2019.org) and plan to attend.

