



## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*No matter who you are, or  
where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

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**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Welcome home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQ community since 1994. We welcome first time guests and include all ages in our worship service. We believe we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. We are a place to **belong**, a place to **heal** and a place to **love**. At First Congregational we recognize God as a loving, creating, all-encompassing Spirit who is not limited by usual human boundaries. Therefore, we practice the use of inclusive, expansive, and non-gendered language when speaking of and to God.

**Pastoral Care:** Pastor Sarah  
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**We celebrate our church staff:**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle  
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott  
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker  
Choir Director, Julie Houston  
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall  
Olivia Bradley, Just Peace Intern  
Olivia Beeman, Nursery Attendant  
Jess Tyler, Nursery Attendant

**We celebrate our church leadership:**

Alice Rutherford, Moderator  
Larry Eckel, Vice Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk  
Jim Lootens, Treasurer  
Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary



**MARCH 15, 2020**

**11:00 A.M.**

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

*Asterisk (\*) indicates those who choose to may stand.*

**WE GATHER**

OPENING MUSIC

Life In a Looking Glass

Mancini, Bricusse

*If you look at your life in a looking glass,*

*You may see some things you don't want to see....*

*In your heart you'll agree that's life that you see.*

*And you'll know who you are, and be glad you're you.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*OPENING SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth,*

*For the splendor of the skies,*

*For the love which from our birth*

*Over and around us lies,*

*God of all, to you we raise*

*This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour*

*Of the day and of the night,*

*Hill and vale, and tree and flower,*

*Sun and moon, and stars of light,*

*God of all, to you we raise*

*This our hymn of grateful praise.*

\*THE PEACE

*You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace.*

**WE PROCLAIM**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**WE RESPOND**

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

*We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Please share your name so that people might get better acquainted. Loving God **hear our prayer.***

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take A Look

Clyde Otis

*Take a look in the mirror, look at yourself,  
But don't you look too close,  
Cause you just might see the person  
That you hate the most.*

*God, what's happening to this human race?  
I can't even see one friendly face.  
People shame people and others close their eyes,  
While silver tongues bear fruits of poison lies.*

*Take a look at our children born innocent,  
Every boy and every girl.  
We're denying ourselves a real chance  
To build a better world.*

*Oh! dear God what's happening to your precious dream?  
I think its washing away on a bloody, bloody stream.  
Take a look at your children  
Before it's too late, and tell them  
Nobody wins when the prize is hate.  
Oh, no it's not too late.  
We gotta tell all of our children  
That love is the way.*

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

*We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly if the announcement is not in the bulletin. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for volunteer opportunities. We invite you to mail your financial contributions to the church or donate electronically through our website.*

\*DOXOLOGY #778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

WE GO

\*CLOSING SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,*

*God of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the good that love inspires,  
For a world where none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires,  
And for every heart renewed,*

*God of all, to you we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Man In the Mirror

Garrett, Ballard

*I see the kids in the street with not enough to eat.  
Who am I to be blind? Pretending not to see their needs....  
If you wanna make the world a better place,  
Take a look at yourself, and make a change.*

## **CALLS to SERVE**

*"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

**WISE Mental Health Books** – There are new Mental Health books on a designated shelf in the Library ready for checkout. Thank you to our WISE Mental Health Team for purchasing these books, and to our Library Team for organizing them on our library shelves.

**"Love of Creation" Spiritual Retreat – April 24-25** - Pastor Sarah will be leading a joint spiritual retreat for First Congregational and St Peter's. It will begin with dinner at 6 pm on Friday, April 24 and end at 3 pm on Saturday, April 25. The retreat is at Waycross Conference Center in Morgantown, about an hour south of Indianapolis. The cost is \$150 for a single room or \$120/person for double occupancy, and includes dinner, breakfast, and lunch. Reservations must be confirmed by Friday, April 10. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin or Elizabeth Price.

**March Mission of the Month: One Great Hour of Sharing** - This is one of the five special offerings of the UCC and provides support around the world for disaster relief and community restoration. In 2020, the UCC will use our offering to respond to international disasters, to assist refugees in the United States, and to help communities become more sustainable with programs that help people to help themselves. This offering is our opportunity to share with the people of the world and be present when our love and support are most in need.

**Pantry Items of the Month** - During the month of March, we are collecting: spaghetti, rice, juices, peanut butter, and bar soap.

### **First Congregational Lenten Immigration Journey**

Through the season of Lent, we will explore, reflect, and pray about the biblical and contemporary theme of immigration. What does the Bible say about immigration? What is the Still Speaking God saying to the church today about immigration? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus in light of the complex realities at the US/Mexico border?

**April 5 - Palm Sunday**

**April 9 – Maundy Thursday**

**April 10 – Good Friday**

**April 12 - Easter**

## Today's Scripture

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## Lenten Reflections for the Week

What was your reaction to last week's scripture and/or sermon? How did you reflect on one or both of those during the week? What will you do on your Lenten spiritual journey this week? Will you need to hold onto today's bulletin to remind you of what you might reflect and prayer about? As we like to say, God is still speaking, so let's continue to listen throughout the week.



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