



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
may be reached at (386)478-9012
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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 29, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

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

WE GATHER

TIME OF GATHERING and GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*THE PEACE

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

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

"Renewed Hope"

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

*We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. 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.

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. In lieu of Easter Lilies, \$20 donations will be received for the Emergency Fund. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for additional ways we can support

ourselves and our community during this time. 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

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALLS to SERVE

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

National Suicide Prevention Hotline offers confidential help at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish),

The national Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7/365 crisis counseling & emotional support and continues to be available for anyone experiencing distress or other mental health concerns during the ongoing COVID-19 infectious disease outbreak. Calls (1-800-985-5990; press "2" for Spanish) and texts (text TalkWithUs to 66746) are answered by trained counselors from a network of independently operated crisis centers located across the U.S.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Information Helpline provides information and referral services. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) and www.nami.org.

The Trevor Project hotline offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and www.theTrevorProject.org

Sunday Adult Class, 9:45 a.m. via Zoom – See weekly Epistle for the topic and link.

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. Donate online at https://www.ucc.org/oghs_gifts

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

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: www.fcindy.org

NEW! FC Emergency Fund - In lieu of Easter Lilies, donations will be received for the Emergency Fund. You can make a \$20 gift in celebration, memory or honor of someone and you will get a virtual Easter Lily shared on our church social media. The funds collected will support our church Emergency Fund. Mail checks to the church or give on-line.

Continue Your Support of First Congregational UCC - Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

Support Your Local IN-KY Conference Through Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) - The staff of the IKC are working tirelessly to support local churches as we all discern best practices and how to get through this time together. Please remember to support the work they do and the many ministries they support through your OCWM Giving at: <https://ikcucc.org/connect/donate/>

Eviction Ministry Donations - The Eviction Ministry is a new ministry of the SouthEast Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the UCC. The purpose of this ministry is to offer assistance to those who do not qualify for other state or local assistance programs and without such assistance would be evicted from their homes. During this time of increased financial concerns and unemployment, we anticipate an increase of requests for assistance. Please consider making a donation. See the weekly Epistle for where to send donations.

Feeding Families - Gleaner's and Second Helpings are two of the food banks currently offering food to children who usually get their meals from school. See the weekly Epistle for how to donate online.

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley—a valley full of bones. ² God made me walk up and down among them, and I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “only you know that, Sovereign YHWH.” ⁴ And God said, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: ‘dry bones, hear the word of YHWH!’

Lenten Reflections for the Week

Now that we're all receiving our Sunday bulletins digitally, it remains available for use throughout the week. Anyone can refer back to the bulletin at any time to reflect on scripture, Pastor Sarah's inspiring message, songs, or any of Sean's wonderful musical offerings. In the next few weeks we encourage everyone to hold our Sunday worship in our minds and hearts as a way to maintain connections with one another. Let's keep listening to what light God has to share between Sundays.



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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain
 whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes
 and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863