



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
or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

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



APRIL 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY – COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

“In Times of Turmoil: Be The Church and Love God”

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.

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

Sunday Adult Class, April 12, 9:45 a.m. via Zoom –"Devoted to Generosity" with Wendy Baldwin. (Use the Zoom link listed below under "Social Gatherings...")

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.

Need Toilet Paper & Disinfectant? - Even though stores are trying hard to re-stock supplies, it is still difficult to find these items. First Congregational is expecting a shipment in early April from its supplier. We will have 2-ply toilet paper, spray disinfectant, paper towels, and gloves (our supplier is also out of stock of hand sanitizer and wipes). Please contact Wendy Baldwin to arrange pick-up or delivery. Donations to cover the cost of the supplies will be gratefully accepted.

Social Gatherings through Zoom

- **Monday, 4/6, 5 pm – Happy Hour conversation**
- **Friday, 4/10, 5 pm – Good Friday conversation**
- **Saturday, 4/11 4 pm – Trivia Time**

To join the Zoom meeting, click this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206>

Meeting ID: 926 449 4206

To Join by Phone call only: 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), you will be prompted for the meeting ID 926 449 4206, followed by the # sign.

If you don't have a device with visual display, you can simply call in and participant as a 'conference call'.

(For more info on Zooming, see the Epistle.)

Hunger Fact of the Week: More than 37.2 million people in the U.S., including children, lived in households that struggled to put food on the table in 2018. And of course, the Corona virus has increased this number. African-Americans were approximately twice as likely as the overall population to live at risk of hunger. (Bread for the World)

April Mission of the Month: Exodus Refugee Immigration - This month we are supporting our local refugee resettlement agency, Exodus, a 501c3 agency. Exodus serves thoroughly vetted, legally admitted refugees who are fleeing persecution in their home countries and

cannot return there. Exodus initially provides housing and other basic needs but goes on to support these newcomers with a variety of programs to help them adjust and thrive in their new community. These programs include medical and social services including mental health services, language classes, cultural orientation, job training and placement, and special programs for women and for youth. During this Covid-19 pandemic their Employment Team is assisting refugee clients who have lost their jobs to apply for unemployment, while leveraging their network of 90+ employment partners to help find new jobs. Exodus is also providing limited financial assistance for rent, utilities, food, childcare, medicine, and other needs. Your single dollar bills in the offering plate, larger bills in the “Special Offering” envelopes or checks marked MOM or “Exodus” in the notation line will go to support this work. Please be generous in your support of refugees. Send a check to the church with MOM: Exodus Refugee in the memo line, or donate online at: <https://www.exodusrefugee.org/donate/>

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/>

This Week on Zoom at First Congregational

Monday, April 6	5:00 p.m.	Happy Hour
Thursday, April 9	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Thursday, April 10	5:00 p.m.	Good Friday Conversation
Saturday, April 11	4:00 p.m.	Trivia Time
Sunday, April 12	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 13	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship

First Congregational Holy Week Journey

April 9 – Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm Tenebrae Service (via Zoom)

April 10 – Good Friday

April 12 – Easter

Today's Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11 (Inclusive Version)

¹ As they approached Jerusalem, entering Beth-Phage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two disciples ² with the instructions, “Go into the village straight ahead of you, and immediately you will find a tethered donkey with her colt standing beside her. Untie them and lead them back to me. ³ If anyone questions you, say, ‘The Rabbi needs them.’ Then they will let them go at once.” ⁴ This came about to fulfill what was said through the prophet: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Your Sovereign comes to you without display, riding on a donkey, on a colt— the foal of a beast of burden.’ ” ⁶ So the disciples went off and did what Jesus had ordered. ⁷ They brought the donkey and her colt, and after they laid their cloaks on the animals, Jesus mounted and rode toward the city. ⁸ Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while some began to cut branches from the trees and lay them along the path. ⁹ The crowds—those who went in front of Jesus and those who followed—were all shouting, “Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Most High! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowd kept answering, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!”



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What Wondrous Love Is This

19th century, United States; alt.

First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has appeared in many versions. William Walker, compiler of Southern Harmony, one of the most important nineteenth-century tune books in the United States, lived and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.
 (CHRISTOPHER)
 Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony, c. 1843
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993