



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



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APRIL 12, 2020

EASTER 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 28:1-10

SERMON

"Jesus Has Left The Building"

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. 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.

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 19, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom - "Bread for the World" with Sue Chapman. (See weekly Epistle for Zoom link.)

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 – see the weekly Epistle.

Hunger Fact of the Week: Indiana is the 13th hungriest state in the country. 1 in 7 Indiana households struggles to put food on the table. 18,155 Indiana veterans live below the poverty line.

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

Sunday, April 12	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, April 14	4:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wednesday, April 15	5:00 p.m.	W.I.S.E. Mental Health Team
Wednesday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Friday, April 17	5:00 p.m.	Friday Fellowship
Saturday, April 18	4:00 p.m.	Trivia Time
Sunday, April 19	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 19	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, April 19	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour

Today's Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary of Magdala came with Mary to inspect the tomb. ² Suddenly, there was a severe earthquake, and an angel of God descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat on it. ³ The angel's appearance was like lightning, with garments white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear and fell down as though they were dead. ⁵ Then the angel spoke, addressing the women: "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, ⁶ who is no longer here. Jesus has been raised, exactly as it was foretold. Come and see the burial place. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Jesus there. That is the message I have for you." ⁸ The women hurried away from the tomb with awe and great joy and ran to carry the good news to the disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus stood before them and said, "Shalom!" The women came up, embraced Jesus' feet and worshiped. ¹⁰ At this, Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell the disciples to go to Galilee, where they will see me."

Virtual Easter Lilies have been donated by

Rev. Dr. Pat & Judy Larracey

in memory of our parents: Marvin & Leona Jones, and, Howard & Helmi Larracey



Rev. Jim & Alice Rutherford

in honor of their granddaughter, Ayla Brown Rutherford's April birthday



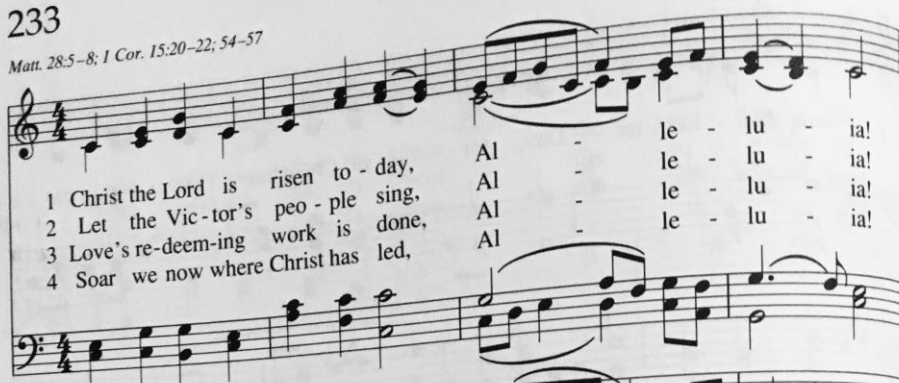
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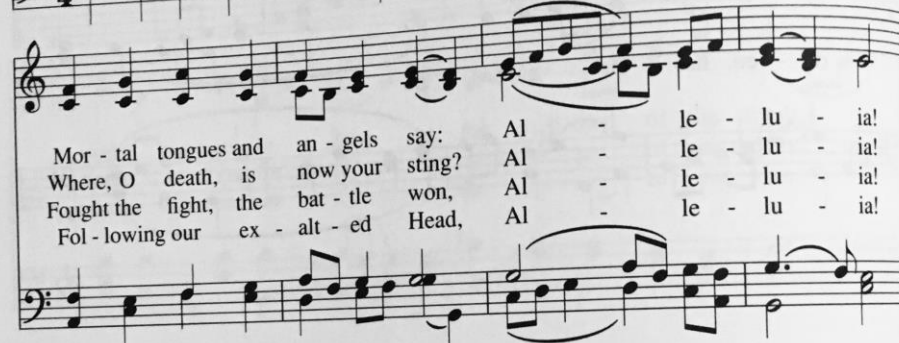
Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

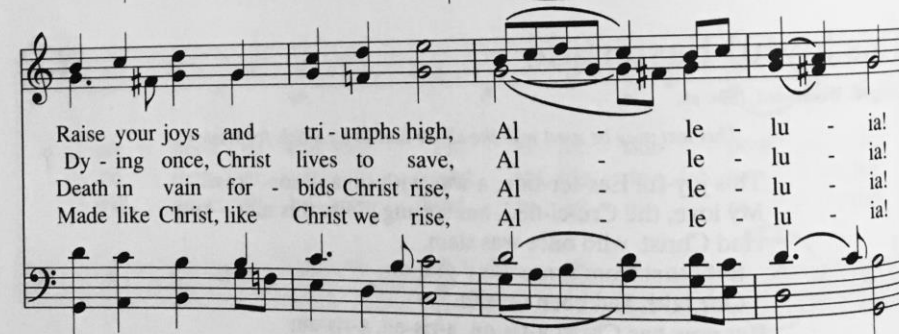
Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



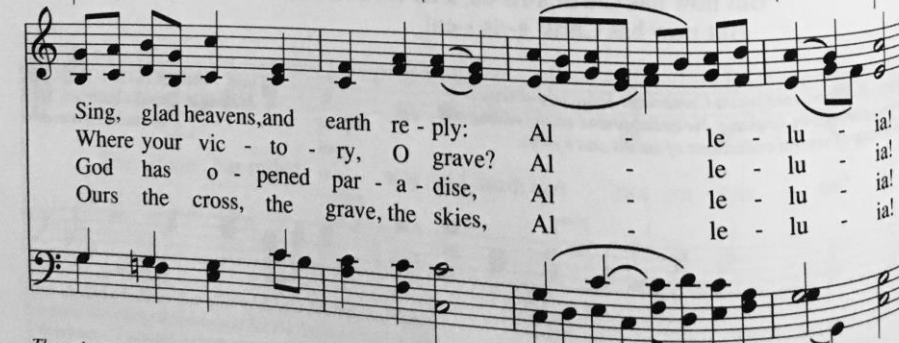
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of *Lyra Davidica* wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow tunes, with one note to each syllable.

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