



## 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

**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 26, 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

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Christian Mysticism"

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](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

**Publications** - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: [www.fcindy.org](http://www.fcindy.org)

**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/>

**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 such as 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, and also providing limited financial assistance for rent, utilities, food, childcare, medicine, and other needs. 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/>

### **This Week on Zoom at First Congregational**

<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>11:30p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Faith</b>
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>SouthEast Association Virtual Gathering</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Special Church Council Meeting</b>
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Friday Fellowship</b>
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>11:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Buzz: Q&amp;A</b>

### **Today's Scripture**

#### **Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> That same day, two of the disciples were making their way to a village called Emmaus—which was about seven miles from Jerusalem—<sup>14</sup> discussing all that had happened as they went. <sup>15</sup> While they were discussing these things, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them, <sup>16</sup> though they were kept from recognizing Jesus, <sup>17</sup> who asked them, “What are you two discussing as you go your way?” They stopped and looked sad. <sup>18</sup> One of them, Cleopas by name, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn’t know the things that have happened these past few days?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, “What things?” They said, “About Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet powerful in word and deed in the eyes of God and all the people—<sup>20</sup> how our chief priests and leaders delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> We were hoping that he was the one who would set Israel free. Besides all this, today—the third day since these things happened—<sup>22</sup> some women of our group have just brought us some astonishing news. They were at the tomb before dawn <sup>23</sup> and didn’t find the body; they returned and informed us that they had seen a vision of angels, who declared that Jesus was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of our number went to the tomb and found it to be just as the women said, but they didn’t find Jesus.” <sup>25</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “What little sense you have! How slow you are to believe all that the prophets have announced! <sup>26</sup> Didn’t the messiah have to undergo all this to enter into glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted for them every passage of scripture which referred to the messiah. <sup>28</sup> By now they were near the village they were going to, and Jesus appeared to be going

further. <sup>29</sup> but they said eagerly, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening—the day is practically over.” So the savior went in and stayed with them. <sup>30</sup> After sitting down with them to eat, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, then broke the bread and began to distribute it to them. <sup>31</sup> With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus, who immediately vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to one another, “Weren’t our hearts burning inside us as this one talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> They got up immediately and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven and the rest of the company assembled. <sup>34</sup> They were greeted with, “Christ has risen! It’s true! Jesus has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then the travelers recounted what had happened on the road, and how they had come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread.



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## Great Is Your Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

Lam. 3:22-23

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

\*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

# THANKSGIVING

## Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by".

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your".

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

The third line of the refrain concludes the phrase. The lyrics are: "hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!". The music ends with a double bar line.