



## 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 22, 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

OPENING MUSIC

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*OPENING SONG

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1-2)

\*THE PEACE

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

## **WE PROCLAIM**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

SERMON

"God is With Us"

## **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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

## 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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 3-4)

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

### POSTLUDE

## 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. Stop in (using the door passcode) and check out one (or more).

**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](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.

## 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

### Ps 23 (Inclusive Translation)

<sup>1</sup> YHWH, you are my shepherd—I want nothing more. <sup>2</sup> You let me lie down in green meadows; you lead me beside restful waters: <sup>3</sup> you refresh my soul. You guide me to lush pastures for the sake of your Name. <sup>4</sup> Even if I'm surrounded by shadows of Death, I fear no danger, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff—they give me courage. <sup>5</sup> You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies, and you anoint my head with oil—my cup overflows! <sup>6</sup> Only goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in your house, YHWH, for days without end.

## 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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