



# 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 Open and Affirming 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.

- Propelled by God's **grace**, we strive to **welcome** and **love** everyone;
- Seeking to hear God's voice in today's world, we **worship, learn** and **grow** in faith individually and as a community;
- Responding to God's call for **compassion, justice**, and **care** of the earth, we equip and empower each other to make a difference in our lives and in the world.

### Church Office Hours for This Week

#### Pastor Sarah's office hours:

**Monday:** Sabbath  
**Tuesday:** Out of Office  
**Wednesday:** Out of Office  
**Thursday:** Out of Office  
**Friday:** Out of Office

#### Shannon's Office Hours:

**Monday:** Sabbath  
**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**Thursday:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**Friday:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Participants in Today's Service

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
Clark Collier  
Sean Baker  
Julie Houston  
Isa Abbott  
Jesse Wittman

Preacher  
Worship Leader  
Organist, Music Designer  
Choir Director  
Dancer  
String Bass

The flowers on the altar are from Earl and susanna-judith rae Hoppert.

**JANUARY 27, 2019**

**11 A.M.**

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

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

Headphones are available for those who may need assistance. Please see an usher.

### **CENTERING FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE	"Imago Dei (Image of God)"	J. K. Warner
INTROIT	"What a Wonderful World"	Weiss, Thiele
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*CALL to WORSHIP (from our ONA Covenant) Clark Collier  
God calls us to end ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice and discrimination against all people.

**Each one of us is loved and made in the image of God.**

We are called to follow the life and teachings of Jesus who denied no one and welcomed all.

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We recommit ourselves to creating a safe place which is free from exploitation and abuse, and that is inclusive for all people to worship God.

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OPENING PRAYER

Moment of silence for personal reflection

PASSING OF THE PEACE

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN #575 O, For a World (v. 1 & 2)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

"Life"

Emile, Ernest

*You give me hope when I wake up;  
to lift my head high and take what's mine.  
We look for laughter in the madness.  
You give me hope, and You give me life.*

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Clark Collier

SERMON

A More Excellent Way: 25 Years of ONA

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SPECIAL MESSAGE

MYA ANGELOU

HYMN #575

O, For a World (v. 3)

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Hear our prayers for ourselves and others **R**

Hear our prayers for our nation **R**

Hear our prayers for all of Creation **R**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father or Our Mother or Our Creator or Our Sacred Presence, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

OFFERTORY "True Colors" Steinberg, Kelly  
*I see your true colors shining through.  
I see your true colors, and that's why I love you.  
So don't be afraid to let it show.  
Your true colors are beautiful like a rainbow.*

## \*DOXOLOGY (778) AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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.**

## GOING OUT TO LOVE THE WORLD

\*HYMN #575 O, For a World (v. 4 & 5)

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Life (excerpt) Emile, Ernest

POSTLUDE We Are Family Edwards, Rodgers  
*Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.*

## CALLS to SERVE

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

## **TODAY!!! Annual Meeting at 12:30p.m.**

Please let your voice be heard - come to the annual meeting to discuss and vote on the direction of our church for 2019. We will elect our officers and board members, discuss and vote on our budget and endowment, and we will determine our calling to be a 'just peace' church. It is the primary meeting of the year that focuses on how ALL our resources are put to use to spread God's love! Join together for a pitch in lunch right after the service before the meeting starts.

**Adult Class – Sunday, February 3, 9:45a.m.**

Rev. Michael Neuroth, will lead us in a time of education, inspiration and empowerment as we discuss the UCC's international justice policies.

**All Church Board Retreat, Saturday, February 2 from 9a.m.-12p.m.** – All newly 2019 elected Board members plan to be present for this All Church Board Retreat.

**Just Peace Buzz & Pitch-in lunch with Rev. Michael Neuroth, February 3, 12:30p.m.** Rev. Michael Neuroth will lead us in a BUZZ conversation about the Justice Ministry of the UCC, nationally and globally, as well as what it means for First Congregational to be a JUST PEACE church. The BUZZ and pitch in luncheon will be following worship.

### **Thinking about making First Congregational UCC your church home?**

Pastor Sarah is happy to talk with anyone who is interested in learning more about becoming a member of this Open and Affirming family of God.

**Mittens and More!** All winter we will continue collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, blankets, and new or gently-used winter coats for the refugees who are served by Exodus Refugee Immigration. Put small items on or under the “Mitten Tree” and coats and blankets in the Exodus box in the coat room. Monetary donations in the offering plate marked “Exodus—Winter” are welcome too.

### **January Mission of the Month: The Open & Affirming Coalition**

The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ has been operating for over 30 years with the responsibility for the church-wide ONA movement. As of January 1, 2019, there are now 1,500 ONA congregations! The ONA Coalition is an independent, non-profit organization and receives no regular funding from OCWM. 75% of its operating budget relies on donations from individuals and contributing ONA churches. Thank you for your support of this Mission of the Month.

**Pantry Items of the Month** - During January we are collecting the following items: bread, soup, applesauce, and shampoo.

**Green Team Tip** - Have you cultivated the habit of turning lights off as you exit a room? Even if you plan to return? It pays to turn them off if you are gone longer than 90 seconds.

**Save the Date** – All-Church Retreat will be March 22-23 at the Benedict Inn. Look for registration details coming soon. Talk to Pastor Sarah for more information.

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**

<b>Sunday, January 27</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Annual Meeting
<b>Thursday, January 31</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, February 2</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Board Retreat
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Adult Sunday Class with guest, Rev. Michael Neuroth
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Worship led by Pastor Sarah with guest preacher, Rev. Michael Neuroth
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Just Peace Buzz & pitch-in lunch with Rev. Michael Neuroth

### ***To the parents of our young children***

God put the wiggle in children, please don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. You are invited toward the front using the Playground if you like. Keep children engaged by quietly explaining the parts of the service, actions of the pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Sing, pray, and speak the responses; children learn worship behavior by copying you. The way we adults welcome children in church directly affects how they respond to the Church and to one another. Let all ages know that they are at home in this house of worship. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

### ***To the members of our congregation***

The presence of children is a gift to our church and to our community. They remind us that we are to share and pass on our faith. It is a gift to have children among us. Please welcome our children and encourage their parents with a warm smile.

***Thank you.***

## Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.



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