



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**.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We celebrate the team of people called to serve on 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
Bell Choir Director, Bob Cook

We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:

Rich Gibson, Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
George Meier, Financial Secretary

We celebrate those serving in worship today:

Wendy Baldwin, Worship Leader
Jesse Wittman, String Bass
Mike Kessler, Percussion

MARCH 17, 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.

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Intermezzo pour Simone

Mancini

Creator Spirit

Paul Hamill

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Wendy Baldwin

God of the journey, you call us to come close to you and close to one another.

You gather us together underneath your wings.

God of the journey, we come seeking comfort and hope.

You gather us together underneath your wings.

God of the journey, we come seeking joy and love.

You gather us together underneath your wings.

*OPENING SONG #433 (hymnal) In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PRAYER with MOMENT OF SILENCE for personal reflection

THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

Come to the Waters

Strachan, arr. S. Baker

Come, Jesus is calling to you.

“Reach out, take my hand. You’ll not fall.

*Come, come, I am waiting for you.
O'er the waters of life, hear my call."*

*"Reach out in faith, cross the waters to me.
Your hand in mine, that's the way it should be.
Stretch out in faith, take my hand if you will.
Waters be calm! Wind be still."*

*"Walk out in faith, take the risk if you can.
I bring you peace, come along, take my hand.
Step out in faith, I will carry you on.
You may be weak; I am strong."*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

Wendy Baldwin

SERMON

Walking Humbly and Winging It

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #67 (song book)

You Are the One

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Please share your name so that people might get better acquainted. In the power and presence of God
we share your joy/prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (adapted)

Our Creator who is always with us, we praise your name.

Thy promised realm of love be present now;

and realized in peace and justice in our world and within us.

**Please provide to everybody what they need for this day, and
the wisdom to recognize what we truly need.**

**Lord forgive our flaws and accept us by our differences,
as we accept those who are different from us.**

Guide us away from aimlessness and temptation.

Help us to follow your love and avoid the evil in the world.

INTERLUDE

Lenten Meditation

R. Blake

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

*DOXOLOGY (778) AND OFFERING PRAYER

**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 #471 (hymnal) What A Covenant

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Our Soul Waits For The Eternal One

G. Young

POSTLUDE

You Are Welcome Here

DeMan

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

Adult Class – Sunday, March 24, 9:45 a.m.: Esther

Enter into an exotic and fanciful Persian kingdom with a dim witted king, defiant queen, an evil, genocidal commander and loyal uncle. How can the beautiful and courageous Esther avert disaster for her people?

New Member Sunday April 7 - Thinking about making First Congregational UCC your new church home? Talk to Pastor Sarah about your interest.

Lenten Small Groups - This Lent, you are invited to join a short-term small group. The small groups will meet 4 times over the course of Lent, and will explore and experience ancient spiritual practices. You may sign up for the small group that meets your scheduling and location needs in the narthex. You may also inquire about and/or sign up for a small group by contacting Lianna Campos.

Whole-Church Retreat: *Different, Equal, and Whole: Coming Together as One* - On March 22--23, you are invited to gather at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove for our Whole Church Overnight Retreat. Registration is \$35 per person plus a modest lodging fee due March 13th. Pick up a registration form in the narthex or see the .pdf file in the weekly epistle. See email for announcement about Lenten small groups. We are excited to be together on Retreat!

Join in the "Days for Girls" Project - The I-K Conference and Outreach & Service project has begun. We have been challenged to put together 100 menstrual hygiene kits for girls in developing countries, where the lack of such supplies forces girls to miss school during their periods. Lots of helpers are needed to meet our goal. We need sewers, tracers of patterns and cutters of fabric, suppliers of the fabrics required, and people to buy such things as panties, washcloths (Target and Kohl's are good places to find colored ones), Ziploc freezer bags, travel size soaps, and twill tape for the drawstrings on the bags. Check out the poster and clipboards in the narthex for printed directions, specific requirements for items, and signing up. You may also contribute money for others to make purchases. Just put "Days for Girls" in the notation line of your check or on the Special Offering envelope. If you are buying supplies yourself and want them considered "in-kind" donations, save your receipts to turn in. For questions, contact Sue Chapman, Sally Coombs, or Shannon Abbott. Completed kits will be turned in by May 30 in time for the I-K Conference Annual Gathering.

1857 Society - The Society invites all who remember the church in their wills or estate plans, or plan to do so, to the Society's initial annual meeting, to be held at noon on Friday May 3 at Marquette Manor. The lunch meal is complimentary and there will be an outside speaker. Watch for reservation instructions. Commitment forms to join the Society are on the bulletin board inside the entrance to the parking lot. Questions? See Bill Gillette.

Dress for Success - Spring Cleaning? Have gently used professional clothes you are no longer wearing? Dress for Success can give them to people who can't afford interview clothes to help them be better prepared when job hunting. Put donations in the cloakroom by the sign. Thanks!

Green Team Tip - Getting ready to begin your gardening and plant a few seeds or plants? Take a survey of your garage or shed to be sure that there are no chemicals which harm soils or bees. Many organic products are available.

Food Donations for the Northside Pantry - Donations have been generous and are appreciated. Please keep them coming!

March Mission of the Month: One Great Hour of Sharing - Each year brings new disasters in the US and around the world. OGHS has partnerships with local organizations ready for rapid response. OGHS also works with Church World Service to support refugee resettlement and to advocate for refugees and asylum seekers. This is the most important Special Offering of the UCC and one of the "5 for 5" offerings we at FCC have long been committed to support. Please be generous in your support. Use the special pew envelopes or put the notation "OGHS" on your check.

Pantry Items of the Month - During March we are collecting the following items: spaghetti, rice, juices, peanut butter.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, March 17	12:15 p.m.	Creative Worship Design & Green Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 19	9:30 a.m.	Mindful Movement
Thursday, March 21	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, March 21	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday-Saturday, March 22-23		Whole Church Retreat @ Benedict Inn
Saturday, March 23	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast @ the Altenheim
Sunday, March 24	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 24	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, March 24	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Faith Meeting

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 Prayground 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)

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"



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