

First Congregational Church
Sunday Worship Service
April, 14th 2019



Palm Sunday

United In God's Love
9:30am

**No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey ...
You are welcome here!**

Mission: Connect people with God and one another to serve, live, and love- guided by Christ.

Vision: A more just, compassionate world, united in God's love.

Values: As an open and affirming United Church of Christ, we seek to:

- Lead with love
- Nurture faith as a lifelong journey
- Engage with Scripture
- Embrace diversity and value all people
- Hold sacred God's creation
- Advocate for peace and justice
- Serve our local, national and global communities
- Share joy, hope and kindness

Invitation: Come change the world with us! No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

*Jesus-shaped spirituality hears Jesus say "believe and repent," but the call that resonates most closely in the heart of a disciple is "follow me." The command to follow requires that we take a daily journey in the company of other students. It demands that we be lifelong learners and that we commit to constant growth in spiritual maturity. Discipleship is a call to me, but it is a journey of "we." – **Michael Spencer***

*It is only because he became like us that we can become like him.
– **Dietrich Bonhoeffer***

*Courage doesn't happen when you have all the answers. It happens when you are ready to face the questions you have been avoiding your whole life.
– **Shannon L. Alder***

*It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.
– **J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets***

God is still speaking..

ANNOUNCEMENTS -Pastor Scott

MINISTRY MOMENT Outreach and Membership -Mary Vercellino

PRELUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* -Arr. by Jason W. Krug
Alleluia Ringers

*PROCESSIONAL *Prepare Ye* -Schwartz

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG #365 *All Glory, Laud and Honor (1-3)*
-Theodulph of Orleans/Neale/Tescher

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) -Pastor Karen

Jesus, You come into our hearts and lives humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. You know how we love to serve you, especially when all seems well and easy. You also know our struggles when You ask us to walk with You in difficult places.

Give us fresh eyes today that we may once again see your courage, your faithfulness and your commitment. Teach us to walk with steady obedience in both joy and trial trusting that you are always with us giving us exactly what we need to follow you with boldness and integrity. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Palm Branches* -Nolan
Jr. Choir

CHILDREN'S SONG *Jesus Loves Me (1st Verse)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE -Pastor Scott

The Lord's Prayer (read in unison)

Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG *Jesus Loves Me (2nd verse)*

**Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give,
Light and love to all who live.**

This week's Godly Play is the Faces of Easter 7

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

-Gianna Provenzano

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hosanna

-Lloyd/Webber/Rice
Chancel Choir

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE

From Cheers to Jeers

-Pastor Karen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Prayer

Pastor Scott

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

-Pastor Scott

Offertory Music

Sing Hosanna!

-Larson
Chancel Choir

*Presentation of the Gifts with Praise (*sung in unison*)

**To God, all glorious heavenly light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise,
Our joyful song of thankful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication

-Pastor Scott

*CLOSING SONG #268 *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty! (1-2, 5)*

-Milman/ Williams

*BENEDICTION

Ancient Words

-Deshazo

POSTLUDE

Recessional

- Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for an informal Continental Breakfast.
- Blue offering envelopes in pews are for giving outside of regular offerings.

**OUR TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER HAS ENDED.
NOW MAY OUR CHRISTIAN SERVICE BEGIN!**

Today's Musicians

Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Emily Durham, Anthony Berg
Drums/Piano: Justin Kono

Our Church App

Download our new app on your iPhone or Android NOW! Just search for our church name. The app will keep you connected "real-time".

PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

Linda Steed, John Shelton, Ken Klindtworth, Dorothy Allen, Ann Mullen, Sandy Schultz, Pam Wiemerslage, John & Rebecca Jay, Ken Hall, father of John Hall, Janet Freels, Gerado Chavez, Judy Rebeck, sister of Carl Lorek, Carol Kullen, Kathy Walczak, and the flood victims

GREETERS: Kathy Mazzone, Anna May Miller

USHERS: Larry Ferries, Sandy Gales, April & Mike Prescott

HEAD USHER: Bob Orsula

COUNTERS: Heather Bilcer, Cliff Mazzone

(Lead Counter) Adrienne Colvert

This week's continental breakfast will be served by Ladies of the Morning and
Karen Nachtigall

This week's altar flowers: In celebration of Ben Gatewood's 6 year
anniversary earning Eagle Scout Rank in BSA Troop 55
from Karen & Walter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **No Bible Study April 16th! New study on Ecclesiastes begins April 23, 1-2pm and 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parlor**

Vacation Bible School: We will be running VBS June 17th-21st, 9am-12:30pm. More details as well as opportunities to volunteer will be shared. Please contact Sarah Forillo if you have any questions. Sforillo@uccdg.org

EASTER BRUNCH: Sunday, April 21st in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:45 served by our amazing youth! One seating only and no tickets necessary. There will be a free will offering benefiting the Miami mission trip.

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 3pm to 7pm. We count on **YOU** to make each of these events successful. This event is a community outreach for Congregational Care, so please tell your family, friends and co-workers about our blood drive. A donation helps 3 people. It's easy and safe to donate. You can make an appointment at www.heartlandbc.org or contact AnnaMay Miller at 630-964-2004 between 5pm and 9pm the week before the event. **WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.** Thank you for your support!

Blooming into Wellness- Young Living Essential Oil Class: Essential oils are both exciting and promising when it comes to taking care of your own and your family's health. Whether you're applying essential oils topically, enjoying the aromatic benefits through diffusing, or taking essential oils internally, the positive effects of essential oils are boundless. During this class you will learn all about essential oils and how to use them to benefit you and your families health and wellness. You'll also have the opportunity to make a roller ball and a toxin free Thieves multipurpose cleaner. Roller balls \$3 each and Thieves multipurpose cleaner \$6 each.

Also during the class, we will have an iTOVi scanner available. It's super simple, non-invasive device that only takes 90 seconds. This scan will help you to understand which oils you should be using now! The iTOVi scanner combines temperature, a pressure sensor, and Bluetooth technologies to generate personalized evaluations. Using the recommended products displayed on your scan report may be beneficial for your overall wellness.

The class will be held in the Parlor from 1-3 on May 18th. This is a FREE class, but please e-mail me at alexcoletto7@gmail.com to register so I can have supplies for everyone!

Women's Fellowship: Friday, 4/26 Stitch and Chat in the Parlor at 9:30AM.

You don't need to bring anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat. This is a very casual gathering. Come if and when you can, even if for only a few minutes.

If you have any questions please contact Peggy Gutzke at Home: 630-971-1382
Cell: 630-632-3014 or peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

Voice Recital: Harriet Nzinga Plumpp's Vocal Studio will be presenting "The Greatest Showman and other delightful music selections" on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The recital will take place at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary at First Congregational UCC. **Donations will be collected and all proceeds will go to the 2019 Summer Miami Youth Mission Trip.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILY: The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be supporting a refugee family that will be arriving here shortly with the help of World Relief DuPage. They've asked if we would like to help by collecting kitchen supplies. Over the next few weeks, Mission and Justice ministry will have a table in Fellowship Hall after the service where you can see the list of items that are needed and sign up to donate. Please stop by the table or contact Mary Dove at 630.935.6166 or Char Wild 630.217.2455.

"I was a stranger, and you took Me in." Matthew 25:35

Cherub Choir: If you have a child who is 4 years old-Kindergarten and likes to sing, Cherub Choir rehearsals have started again. (Some 3 yo if they like to sing) We rehearse from 10:30-10:50 AM in the Mayflower Room near the kitchen. We sing on Mother's Day. Contact Peggy Gutzke if you have questions. 630-971-1382
peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

FCC BOOK CLUB: Hope you will be able to join our FCC Book Club. Our next selection is "Girl in Hyacinth Blue" by Susan Vreeland and we will meet on Wednesday, May 1, in the Church Library on the 5th floor at 6:30 PM.

If you were at our April meeting, I have placed an order for the book with your library card. When the book arrives, you may be notified by email, and you will be able to pick it up in the "Hold" section of the Downers Grove Library. If you do not have email notifications, please contact the library directly to see when it is available in the hold section. If you were not at the meeting you can either try to get a copy of the book by placing a request with your library, or you can contact me, Linda Schranz, via email lsmidia52@gmail.com or by text 630-464-0426 and I will request a copy for you. I will need your library card number. Please be sure to see me, text me or call me with any questions. Hope to see you in May!

Scout Troop 55: The final count of Athletic Shoes that Troop 55 collected from the 2019 Athletic shoe drive was: 809 pairs of shoes! We tripled the amount from last year. We wanted to thank you all for your assistance and supplying us room for a drop off location. Coming up next is the Butter braid sales in Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday, April 7th. B.S.A. Troop 55 will be selling Butterbraids and Cookie Dough. The cost is \$14.00 per Butterbraid. There are many different flavors including: Apple, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Caramel Rolls, Strawberry Cream Cheese, Four Cheese and Herb. They also carry cookies this year. Samples will be available April 7th in Fellowship hall following the service. Any questions? Please contact Karen Gatewood, Troop 55 Secretary at 630-964-2903

Christian Education: Teachers for Godly Play are still needed for pre-k to first graders (Chapel), 2nd-4th graders (Library), 5th and 6th (Youth room). We will need two volunteers per Sunday to be in the nursery. If you are interested in teaching within any of these areas, please contact Megan Ruschke at 630-390-4302 or lockett.megan24@gmail.com

Coloring Club: On April 9th, the coloring club will be offsite from the church, and will be meeting at Ann Mullen and Judy Murrison's home. Our regular members are aware of this change, but if you haven't dropped in for a while and would like to join us in our fellowship with Ann and Judy, please let us know by contacting Linda Schranz via phone or text at 630-464-0426.

Mission Ministry: Consider joining our prison ministry team at the Illinois Youth Center (Warrenville)! Each Thursday evening, two members of our team teach a "life skills" class to help better prepare the youth for life outside the juvenile justice system. You can volunteer as often as you are able. Please contact Gaye Smith at eyesgirl@comcast.net or (630) 712-9148 for more information.

Chancel Flowers: Did you know that the flowers displayed on the Chancel are donated by church members in joy, celebration or remembrance of a loved one? The cost to donate is \$35.00 and there is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board on the Sanctuary level, south entrance. When you donate a floral arrangement you are encouraged to take it home with you following service so that you may enjoy it. We do ask, that you return the vase, so that we can recycle them with the florist. Any questions, please see Linda Schranz or Barb Hammack.

MANNA: Manna Cards! Manna Cards! There are three easy ways to purchase cards and increase income for our church ministries. You can purchase or order actual cards. You can also reload cards you have purchased and get ecards on your device. You can go to www.ShopWithScrip.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail Laurie Olsen at glennlaurie@earthlink.net and Steve Johnson at sjoh413@gmail.com or come by the Manna Table during Coffee Hour.

Conscious Bean Coffee: This is the direct trade coffee served during coffee hour that travels from San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. We purchase the coffee for North Central College Enactus a student run organization. It is available during coffee hour in one pound bags or KCups.

Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack: Join church members each Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 pm for a food repack session. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is located at 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, which is just off the Stevenson Expressway at Pulaski Road. For more information, contact David Hersemann at dah5@comcast.net or Laurel Carlson at lacduke@comcast.net.

Amazon Smile: When you shop @AmazonSmile, Amazon will make a donation to First Congregational United Church of Christ.
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2361106>



EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to see our sanctuary in full bloom? Help us bring new life by sharing a spring plant with us! We'll do the work. Just fill out the blank below, attach your payment for \$12.50 (for each plant purchased) and bring/send it to the church office by **Sunday, April 14th**. We'll take care of the rest and arrange the plants for **Easter services on April 21st**.

Your name and the name of your loved ones will appear in the bulletin.

PLEASE CHECK ONE

- I would like to take my flower home after worship on Easter.
(We order a variety of plants; however, it is first come, first served if you wish to take your plant(s) home.)
- I would like to leave my flower for distribution to our homebound members and friends.

What a wonderful way to remember dear ones at this time of year!

Your Name:

(Please PRINT clearly)

Telephone Number/E-mail:

Name of Loved One whose memory flowers are given:

(Please PRINT clearly)

Number of Plants _____ X \$12.50= _____

(Checks made payable to First Congregational Church)



*Come join us for a community wide event
to both lower energy costs and be better
caretakers of the planet.*

While there will be specific information for communities of faith, there will also be a lot of information for individual citizens to take advantage of currently available state initiatives to lower your energy costs and get greener in the process. Faith in Place and ComEd will be presenting

PLACE: First Congregational United Church of Christ
1047 Curtiss Street Downers Grove

TIME: 11:30am-1:00pm
Light refreshments will be served

DATE: May 19th

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

- 88:30 AM - 9:15 AM Jr Choir Rehearsal-Coffee House
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service-Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal/ Mayflower Room
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Bells Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Aurora Pride Parade Planning Committee- Library
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Teens - Parlor
- 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Band Rehearsal

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 4:30 PM Administrative Deadline for Pilgrim
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 6:00 PM PADS Guest Arrive -Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 10:00 AM Adult Coloring Group-Library
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Bible Study
- 3:00 PM Administrative Deadline for Bulletin
- 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Bible Study
- 6:30 PM CE Meeting-Library
- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee-Pastor Scott's Office
- 7:00 PM Finance & Budget-Rm 503
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM MCB-Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study (at members' homes)
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM FCLC Jumpbunch Parlor
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting- Library
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Meal Prep- Kitchen
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Teens-Library/Youth Room
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 1:30 PM - 7:30 PM Meal Prep- Kitchen
- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mission and Justice Meeting- Parlor
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Meal-Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM Terrazzo Floor Cleaning
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Chapel
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Good Friday Service
- 8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sing Around-Coffee House



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our church staff is available Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Fridays by appointment.

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In pastoral emergencies, Pastor Scott can be reached at 630-432-0380.

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