

First Congregational Church
Sunday Worship Service
May, 12th 2019



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

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.
—**William Makepeace Thackeray**

A mother understands what a child does not say- **Jewish Proverb**

Not all mothers give birth. —**Pastor Scott**

There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one. —**Jill Churchill**

Mom, I love you, even though I'll never accept your friend request.
—**Unknown**

God is still speaking ...

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING SONG *Love the Lord* -Brewster
The Band

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) -Pastor Scott
God we thank You for women who have carried the Good News of Jesus from the empty grave, to the founding of the first faith communities, to church leadership today.

God thank You for those who have been spiritual mothers as well as biological mothers to us.

For those for whom today is an honored day as we celebrate the joy and love of our moms, and for those of us for whom today is a struggle, for mom's who have been sick or who have died, and moms with whom we have not had the relationship that others have enjoyed.

Be with us God in our relationships. Remind us of Your love. Care for us in nurture as our spiritual Mother, in love, in hope, and in all that You have created us to be. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *If You Love Your Mom and Know It* Cherub Choir

SCRIPTURE Aidan Hallett
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22, 25, 32-36
1st Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

THE BIG

BIBLE IDEA GROUP

Restoration Day (*Walk-On Music*)

The Big, Big, Big Story of the Bible

Great Imaginator *with* This Is My Father's World

Everything Changed

soloists: Jillian Oberle and Evie Rettberg

God's Great Gift

Restoration Day

Soloists: Addy Rafacz and Ella Forsman

The Big, Big, Big Story of the Bible (*Reprise*)

CAST LIST

ADRIAN.....ELLA FORSMAN
CAROLINE.....OLIVIA MACKENDER
JORDAN.....SAMANTHA OBERLE
ISABEL.....JILLIAN OBERLE
PASTOR SARA.....EVIE RETTBERG
SHANA.....MADDIE WALDORF
CASEY.....ADDY RAFACZ
SHAWN.....CANNON FORSMAN
JULIANNA.....LILY RETTBERG
IRIS.....ELISE OBERLE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Scott
Silent Prayer
Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Scott
Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory
Offertory Music *Mother Like Mine* -The Band Perry
The Band

*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 #719 *Go My Children with My Blessing*
-Vajda/Welsh Melody

*BENEDICTION *Ancient Words* - Deshazo
One of our worship traditions to show our solidarity and love in community is to join hands and sing. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to join us in song and in spirit.

- Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for New Member Continental Breakfast.
- Blue offering envelopes in pews are for giving to specific ministries outside of regular offerings.

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

Today's Musicians

Vocals: Emily Durham, Anthony Berg
 Bass: Eric von Holst Guitar: Owen Cooper Percussion: Lily West
 Drums/Piano: Justin Kono
 Junior Choir, Cherub Choir

Our Church App

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PRAYER CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY JOYS

Shirley Reardon, John Shelton, Ann Mullen, Pam Wiemerslage, John & Rebecca Jay, Ken Hall, father of John Hall, Janet Freels, Gerado Chavez, Alban and McHue families at the death of Cindy Alban.

GREETERS: Michelle Rafacz, Lindsey & Corrine Rensch

USHERS: Jill Rahn, Lora Finucane, Jerry & Joan Topel

HEAD USHER: Bob Orsula

COUNTERS: Heather Bilcer, Cliff Mazzone

(Lead Counter) Adrienne Colvert

This week's continental breakfast will be served by Jenni Hallman and
Dave Williams

This week's altar flowers: Jenni and Jim Hallman in honor of
Jenni's Dad, Gary's birthday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Study on Ecclesiastes May 14, 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 <https://vbsmate.com/FCUCCDG>

Youth Prison Outreach: Meeting on Thursday, May 9th @ 6:30PM, please come learn and help plan our next semester classes at the Warrenville Youth Center. If you are interested and unable to make it or have questions please call; Gaye Smith 630-712-9148

Women's Fellowship: 5/24 - 9:30

Stitch and Chat

Gail Clark's house 5826 Clover Dr Lisle, IL
630-881-3362 gclark214@comcast.net

In the late spring and summer we usually meet at people's homes once a month and bring food to share for breakfast.

This is a very casual gathering. Come if and when you can, even if only for a few minutes.

Please let GAIL know that you will be able to come and what breakfast food you'll bring to share.

You don't need to bring anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Gutzke-

Home: [630/971-1382](tel:6309711382) Cell: [630/632-3014](tel:6306323014) peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

Reminder: Progressive Dinner is June 14! Be sure it's on your calendar!

Reminder from BSA Troop 55:

If your family ordered a Butter braid product from Troop 55 they are ready to be picked up in Fellowship Hall. Please see Troop 55's Secretary, Karen Gatewood after the service to pick up your order. Thank you all for ordering Butter braids and for your year round support. We well exceeded our expectations for sales this season. The scouts did a wonderful job! Thanks Again!

Karen Gatewood Troop 55 Secretary/Special projects 630-964-2903

New Planting: As preparation for a new planting on the south side, the Landscaping Committee invites you to dig and take any plant(s) you want from the south side. Any remaining plants will be removed during church work day.

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!

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

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH: As an open and affirming congregation, we'll be showing our support of the LGBTQ community by participating in two upcoming events: the Aurora Pride Parade on Sunday, June 9th, and the Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30th. Please save these dates. Details to follow soon!

GroveFest: Help raise money for our Church while having fun at Downers Grove Rotary GroveFest!! Each year the Rotary Club of Downers Grove hosts GroveFest and they ask local non-profits and churches to help them run the fest and earn money for their organization at the same time. Our church can earn \$40 for each shift you work! We can earn as much as \$1,000! Volunteer shifts are just 3 to 4 hours long and you get a chance to meet new people and help your church. Opportunities include the car show, beer sales, information booth, setup and teardown, ticket sales, and more. You simply go online and sign up for as many slots as you like. Be sure to list "First Congregational Church" as your non-profit in the "My Comment" field so we get the credit for your shift. Sign up today at www.rotarygrovefest.com Click the "Volunteer" button, see the job descriptions, and sign up! But do it today... shifts are filling up fast! If you have any questions, please Dave Humphreys 630-968-5526 -Thank you!!

KITCHEN SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILY: A huge THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to donate kitchen supplies for the refugee family that will be arriving shortly. Please remember to bring the items to church by Sunday, May 5th. If you didn't get a chance to donate one of the items on the list, the family would always be able to use a gift card. Please contact Mary Dove at 630.935.6166 or Char Wild 630.217.2455 if you have any questions.
"I was a stranger, and you took Me in." Matthew 25:35

DuPage United & Fox River Valley Initiative Combined Leaders Meeting:

- Thursday, May 16 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- St. Paul Lutheran Church (515 S Wheaton Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187) in the Fellowship Hall.
- Confirm your attendance by emailing David Burke (davidburke1029@gmail.com)

The main focus will be fundraising, namely increasing our dues base and launching our next book campaign (the last one was 4 years ago). Our successes with mental health criminal justice reform, housing, and growth in Kane County position us to have a strong campaign. Come, if you want to go deeper on your knowledge of the issues, and build our collective power!"

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 Sarah Forillo sforillo@uccd.org

FCC BOOK CLUB: Our June selection is "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe. We will meet on Wednesday, June 5 in the Parlor at 6:30 PM. If you were at the meeting in May, your copy of the book has been ordered through the Downers Grove Public Library. If you need a copy, please either order it yourself from the library, or give me a call and provide me with your library card number. I can be reached at 630-464-0426. Hope to see you in June!

ADULT COLORING: Studies have shown that coloring reduces stress, anxiety and provides relaxation. In addition to those benefits, our Adult Coloring group also provides fellowship. Come join us on Tuesdays, 10 am to 12 pm in the Library. Even if you have not colored before you are welcome. We always have extra supplies for visitors!

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.

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2361106>

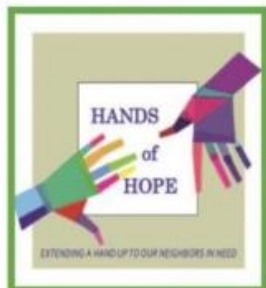


*Come join us for a community wide event
to both lower energy costs and be better
caretakers of the planet.*

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

*You're
Invited*



HOPE'S FRONT DOOR

Hands of Hope Luncheon

Thursday May 16, 2019, 11:30am – 2:00pm

Seven Bridges Golf Club

1 Mulligan Drive , IL 60517

Tickets: \$50 each or Tables of 8: \$400

You can purchase tickets by going to

www.hopesfrontdoor.org or calling 630-322-9803

HOPE'S FRONT DOOR welcomes program speakers **Ian Parr** and **Janet Pleimling**, community partners, as well as clients sharing their experiences and success using **HOPE'S FRONT DOOR's** services in their journey to self-sufficiency.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to programs that change and improve the lives of area families. Join us to enjoy lunch, raffles, a silent auction and gain information about the latest Education & Empowerment services offered to our neighbors in need.

We hope you will bring a friend!

As a community partner, we appreciate all your support, hard work and dedication. Please consider inviting a friend to attend the event to learn about great work being done by you and others to help individuals and families access basic need items and educational services that lead to self-sufficiency.

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

- 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Dive Heart- Chapel
- 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Jr Choir Rehearsal-Coffee House
- 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
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Teens - Parlor

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 2nd Tues Song Circle-Two Way St Coffee House

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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
- 4:30 PM Administrative Deadline for Pilgrim
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Greater Chicago Food Depository Wednesday Night Repack
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Grounds Of Hope-Coffee House
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Teens-Library/Youth Room
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alanon Meeting-Coffee House

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting-Room 503
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall & Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM All Bridge Saints-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Blooming into Wellness Essential Oil Class- Parlor
- 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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