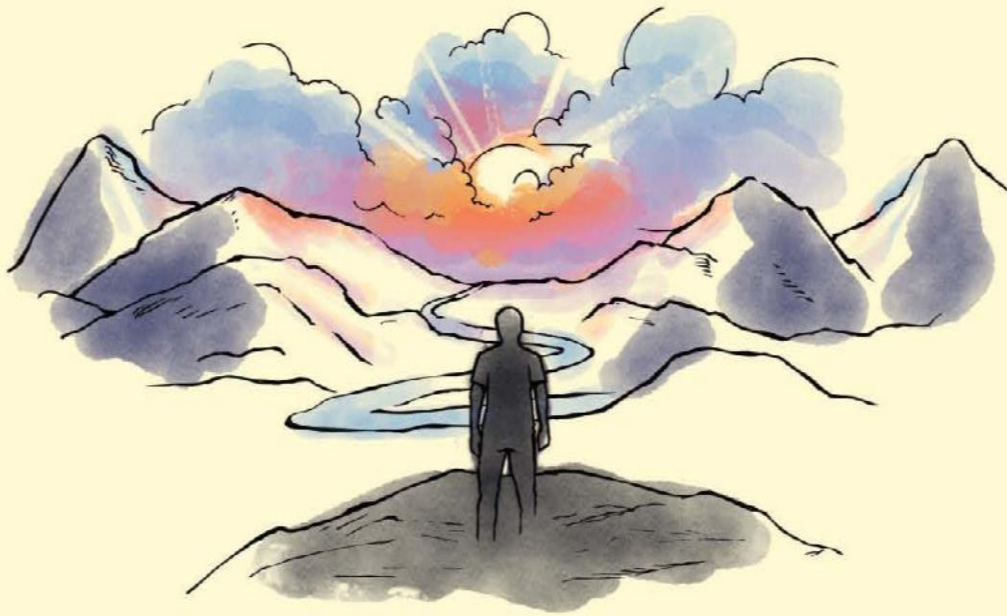


First Congregational Church
Sunday Worship Service
February, 10th 2019



United In God's Love
9:30am

No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey ...

You are welcome here!

A SPECIAL WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us in worship! Please let us know a little more about you by taking a moment to sign the red friendship folders in the row next to you. If you should have a prayer concern or would like to meet with the Pastor, please indicate this next to your name. Thank you!
- Following worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall for an informal Continental Breakfast.
- Please note our worship services are online and televised, your participation in the service may be visible during these live ministries. If you do not want your child to be on screen, please refrain from sending them forward during the children's time or have them sit directly in front of the pews in the front.
- Nursery/childcare is available for children up to age 2 and is located just off the church Parlor.
- Nursery and Sunday School: The nursery is open today for infants through age 2. 3yr olds- 1st grade will meet in the Chapel; grades 2nd -4th will meet in the Godly Play Library (Room 502).

*Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord. – **J.I. Packer***

*We must know before we can love. In order to know God, we must often think of Him; and when we come to love Him, we shall then also think of Him often, for our heart will be with our treasure. – **Brother Lawrence***

*While it is good that we seek to know the Holy One, it is probably not so good to presume that we ever complete the task. – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer***

*A God whom we could understand exhaustively, and whose revelation of Himself confronted us with no mysteries whatsoever, would be a God in man's image, and therefore an imaginary God, not the God of the Bible at all. – **J.I. Packer***

*Recognizing the truth about ourselves is the starting point of all change. – **Akiroq Brostthere***

God is still speaking ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Pastor Scott

SPECIAL MOMENT OF AWARENESS: Scout Sunday Boy Scout Troop 55

PRELUDE

- Kono

*SHARING THE PEACE

*OPENING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

-Phil Wickham

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

-Pastor Karen

God, like those who gathered around Jesus so long ago to find new meaning in their lives, we come before you this morning. We want our lives to be in sync with your will and love, but too often we are our own stumbling blocks.

We cling to our fear, our guilt, our preconceptions, rather than let You come close enough to show us who you are, to be filled with your grace and healed by your love. Open our hearts in a fresh way today, Lord. Give us eyes to see you more clearly, so we can understand you and ourselves more fully. Amen.

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 Parable: The Mustard Seed
Scripture Text: Matthew 13:31-32

SCRIPTURE READING

-Dennis Lewis

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 4:21-30

MUSIC MINISTRY

Remind Me Who I Am

-Jason Gray

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MESSAGE *Getting Personal* Pastor Karen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer
Prayer

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD -Pastor Scott

Sharing Our Gifts with the Offertory

Offertory Music *Who Am I* -Casting Crowns
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 *#352 Spirit Song* -Wimber

*BENEDICTION *Ancient Words* -Deshazo

POSTLUDE *You Are Good* - Houghton
The Band

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

Today's Musicians

Vocals: Kelley Calpin, Emily Durham, Anthony Berg

Bass: Eric von Holst Percussion: Lily West

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

The Costanzi family at the death of Nick Costanzi, Dorothy Allen, Judy Dedina, The Heskett Family at the death of Elaine Heskett, Stacey Poulter, Pam Wiemerslage, Avery Joy Whalen, daughter of Tiffany & Larry Whalen, John & Rebecca Jay, Ken Hall, father of John Hall, Janet Freels, Judy Rebeck, sister of Carl Lorek, Sandy Schultz, and our Servicemen & women.

GREETERS: Judy Davenport, Bill Kundert, Debra & Tom Eisenhart

USHERS: Lisa Lockett, Dave Swartz, Nancy & Jan Hessler

HEAD USHER: Dirk Gutzke

COUNTERS: Heather Bilcer, Cliff Mazzone

(Lead Counter) Adrienne Colvert

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

This week's altar flowers: In celebration of Jim and Heather Bilcer's

10th Wedding Anniversary

UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Godly Play Host Training-** Today from 10:45am-11:30am in the Chapel.
- **Bible Study: Gospel of Luke.** Tuesday, February 12th from 1:00-2:00pm & 6:30-7:30pm in the Parlor.
- **Final Open and Affirming Bible Study: Sunday, February 17th at 11am in the Church Parlor.** Co-led by Pastor Scott and Pastor Kirk Moore.
- **Paper contribution statements in the back of the church for those not on the e-mail list.**

Nick Costanzi Memorial Service: Friday, February 15th, there will be a visitation in the Parlor at 6:00pm with a Memorial Service to follow at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

YOUTH TEEN GROUP: Please reach out to Dena Provenzano if you were not at the Sunday meeting for upcoming mission trip information, youth & service events and retreat dates. denapro@comcast.net or 630-660-7445

Hopes Front Door Donations: Hopes Front Door needs donations of toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. Please put donations in the box near the West Doors. Thank you!

Godly Play: Ms. Mona will be leading some trainings in the month of February. This will help anyone who wants a little more info on the duties of a Host or that would like to expand their volunteering into Storytelling!

February 10th after service in the Chapel 10:45-11:30 will be the Host Training
February 24th after service in the Chapel 10:45-11:45 will be Storyteller Training

Please let us know if you will be attending, we are so excited to have a bit of Q&A for volunteers expanding into Godly Play. Please contact Sarah Forillo at sforillo@uccdg.org

Scout Sunday: We are pleased to welcome BSA Troop 55 to our service this morning to celebrate Scout Sunday. We have chartered them since 1929; they are celebrating 90 years of service this year! The troop is going strong with 19 registered Scouts in various ranks (4- Scouts, 1- Tenderfoot, 4- 1st Class, 2- Star, 5- Life). We congratulate six Scouts who completed the rank of Eagle in 2018, along with another five Life Scouts whom are working towards Eagle this year. We have an active group of 15 adults whom guide this Scout led troop. We have Cub Scouts bridging over in March, April, and May. They are all looking forward to much excitement and adventure as they join Troop 55.

The Scouts plan activities within the Troop and lead the weekly meetings. The Troop has planned a physically challenging high adventure trip in July/August, along with the yearly summer camp which is full of new challenges as they commit to completing many educational and interesting merit badges!

Some of our Eagle projects completed this past year include, blanket donation for PADS at the church, building benches at a neighborhood church, building planter boxes, bookcases for a school in Chicago, planting project at Eisenhower Junior High. One of our Scouts has become an adult leader and is actively participating in the Troop with full energy.

Some of our Scouts have gone on to join Military branches such as the Air Force, Marines, Army and the Coast Guard, we thank them for their service!

The Scouts camp every month, even in the winter! Some of their activities include Klondike campout, family ski trip, climbing, caving, electronics lock-in and hiking trips (10 miles and above), and so much more.

The troop typically has four main fundraising events: candy sales, plants sales, wreath sales, and butter braids. Approximately 90% of the proceeds go to the Scouts. The Scouts can use the funds for related activities such as: summer camp, gear and regular outings. The Troop also gives back to the Church and community through numerous service projects including, FCC pancake breakfast, Athletic Shoe Drive, FCC Garage Sale, bicycle watch, Downers Grove Fall Cemetery clean up, as well as the Scout annual day of service (outside clean up, window washing, vacuuming).

We appreciate the excellent relationship we have with Troop 55 and we know they share our feelings. Congratulations Troop 55 on a job well done!

Eagle Scouts: Ryan Gage, Zachary Lowery, Sean Petersen, Adrian Petrykiw, Alexander Tsui, Tyler Youngdahl

Life Scouts: Charlie Elser, Glen Hogan, Samuel Krauter (completed project), Zachary Krauter (completed project), Kushal Shah

Women's Fellowship: Friday night, February 15th at 6:30 pm is our annual Appetizers & Desserts for Dinner Party. Joyce Nelson has graciously offered to host our party.

Where:

6129 Washington

Downers Grove 60516

630-963-0894

icooknelson@sbcglobal.net

Give Joyce a call or e-mail to let her know you'll be there, if you are bringing a friend (Men are invited!) and whether you'll be bringing a dessert or appetizer to share.

Any questions, please call Peggy Gutzke at 630-971-1382 or 630-63-3014 or e-mail at peggy.gutzke@gmail.com

Scout Sunday in February: B.S.A. Troop 55 will be collecting any old Athletic shoes. The drive will be held from February 1st – 28th. The collection box will be placed near the west entrance of the church beginning February 1st. Help us meet our goal of collecting 270 pairs of shoes! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Gatewood, the Troop 55 Secretary/ Special projects, 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

2019 Fellowship Dinner Gala: Christian Fellowship is hosting a dinner gala on Saturday, February 23rd from 6-10 p.m. The event will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien. Dinner will be family style, and a cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$50 per person. Please obtain a sign-up form from the Pilgrim or any of your friendly Fellowship Ministry Members. Checks can be made out to the church with Dinner Gala in memo section. Friends from outside the church are also welcome to attend.

FCC BOOK CLUB: The book selection for March is "Goodbye Vitamin", by Rachel Khong. SPECIAL NOTE: Due to Ash Wednesday falling on our normal meeting date, we will move our book club meeting up one day to Tuesday, March 5th. As always, we will meet in the Parlor at 6:30 pm. If you need a copy of the book, please contact me by phone or text at 630-464-0426, or email Lsmedia52@gmail.com.

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>

COPING WITH GRIEF

A General Grief Group For Adults

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (beginning January 21, 2019)

6:30 - 8:00 PM

1/2 hour presentation, 1 hour sharing time

Elmhurst Memorial Hospital – Main Campus

*at York and Roosevelt Roads – East Entrance – Lower Level
The Maple Conference Room*

Facilitated by:

Chaplain Don Dahlheimer, M.Div., LCSW, LMFT

Manager of Spiritual Care

Open to any adult who has experienced the death of someone they have loved. No cost.

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| 1/21/19 | Introduction to Group – What’s a grief support group about anyway? |
| 2/04/19 | A Look at the Literature – What are they saying about grief? |
| 2/18/19 | When Grief Gets Complicated – When do I need to be concerned? |
| 3/04/19 | When the Feelings are Intense – How do you spell relief? |
| 3/18/19 | When No One Seems to Want to Listen Anymore – Can I still talk? |
| 4/01/19 | Understanding the Six Needs of Mourning – Doing what needs to be done. |
| 4/15/19 | Grief and Spirituality - “My God, why have you forsaken me?” |
| 5/06/19 | Finding Closure Without Forgetting – How do I say goodbye? |
| 5/20/19 | How to Survive Holiday Times - The big ones and the everyday ones. |
| 6/03/19 | Making the Best of Bad Time – How to ride the grief wave. |
| 6/17/19 | Support Groups & Memorializing – Remembering those we love – Area Support Groups. |

Note: When this group finishes on June 17th, it will start again on August 5, 2019.

Those interested in the group may enter the group at [anytime](#).

For more information call: (331) 221-0451

SAVE THE DATE!

TRIVIA NIGHT!!

Friday evening,

April 12th, 2019!

**For our summer youth
mission trip to Miami.**

More info to follow!

Coming Up This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

- 8:30 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
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Bells Rehearsal
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Teens – Parlor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Martial Arts Parlor
- 6:00 PM PADS Guest Arrive -Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Meeting in the Coffee House

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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
- 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting-Room 503
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 2nd Tues Song Circle-Two Way St Coffee House

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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
- 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, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

- 6:00 AM Acceptance Group of Alcoholics Anonymous-Coffee House
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
- 7:00 PM Scouts-Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 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
- 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Fellowship Board Ballroom Lessons-Fellowship Hall
- 8:15 PM Two Way Street Concert-Coffee House

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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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