

Sermon Outline:

# The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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**Tear Here**

**Welcome Guest, We are so happy that you are here today. If you would like more information about the First Congregational Church, please fill out the note below and place it in the offering plate.**

**Your Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number or email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Prayer Request** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like someone to contact you?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 12, 2019

10:00 a.m.

\* those who are able, please stand

As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already seated who want a quiet place to pray.

**The Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

Sylvia Lee

**Call to Worship**

**Chancel Choir**

“Great Is The Lord”

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #788**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**Prayer of Confession**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen

**Story Bell**

**Karla Johnson**

“We’ll Meet Again”

Vera Lynn’s We’ll Meet Again, was one of the most popular songs during World War II in Britain. The song was written in 1939 by Ross Parker and Hughie Charles. “We’ll Meet Again” has a soft soothing rhythm that gave people hope that things will get better and that eventually sadness will come to an end. Lynn’s wartime song was used to “Boost the morale” of the people of Britain by sending the message of faith.

**Special Music**

**Chancel Choir**

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

**Scripture Reading**

I Corinthians 13

175 N.T.

**Message**

**Pastor Ray Dekker**

“*Mother’s Gifts*”

**\*Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #406**

“Wonderful Words of Life”

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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. Amen

**Offertory**

**Chancel Choir**

“Faith of Our Mothers” (In Honor of Mother’s Day)

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Blue Hymnal #368**

“He Lives” (verse 1 & refrain)

I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He’s always near.

He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me  
along life’s narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart!

**\*Benediction**

**\*Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with you.

**\*Postlude**

Sylvia Lee



*Grace and peace to all in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Welcome to this time of worship, Christian education and fellowship.*

\*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

\*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

\*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshipping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

\*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

\*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

*Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.*

**Serving Us:**

Altar Rep:	Linda Oosterhouse
Altar Flowers:	(today) (next week)
Greeters:	(today) (next week)
Ushers:	Barb Veldman, Pat Krehn(today) (next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Jack & Mary Butterick(today) (next week)

**Celebrating this week:**

*Happy Birthday to ~*

Siris Pinnick, Craig Zeerip (13), Linda White (14), Rick St. Peter (15), Jack Tittle (19)

**Prayer Requests ~**

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

*Our shut-ins:* Frank Blain, Bob Erber, Barb Lindner, Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

Jerry Miller - receiving radiation & oral chemo

Frank Blain - hospitalized in Grand Rapids

Sandy & Pastor Ray & family - Sandy's father passed away on

May 4 and was laid to rest on Thursday, May 9

**This Week's Calendar**

**Sunday, May 12**

9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase

**Monday, May 13**

6:30 p.m.	Technology Board Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m.	Garden Club - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 14 - Church Office Closed**

3:00 p.m.	Violin Lessons - Lounge
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**Wednesday, May 15**

6:15 p.m.	Praise Group Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, May 16 - Church Office Closed**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m.	Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting - Library

**Friday, May 17**

**Saturday, May 18**

9:00 a.m.	Woodshop Open
9:00 a.m.	Congo EnJoyMeant - Congo Que - Church Lawn

**Sunday, May 19**

9:40 a.m.	Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall All church meeting - Fellowship Hall SCRIP is available for purchase

**Our Church News**

**Book Circle will meet** at the home of Anne VandeKieft on Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. Our book review will be given by Nancy Johnson (voice permitting).

**I am excited to let the congregation know** that we earned \$245 for Charitable Giving at last Saturday’s Life Expression Party! I know that everyone there had a great time. This is a wonderful way to make money for Charitable Giving and it is a fun social event. If anyone has questions about the event and how the money is made please let me know. Also, mark your calendars for our next Life Expressions Party which will be held on Saturday, October 26 in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Pat Krehn

**A heartfelt thanks to all who** contributed to the Vaudeville Show Cookies! The performers got to have fun on the stage while the Cookie Crew got to work hard off stage setting up, serving and taking it all down! However, they wouldn’t have had so much work to do if so many people hadn’t baked cookies! Thanks to all! Special thanks to Judy Clapp and Barbara Blass-Frisbey for their work in coordinating! This announcement has set a record for the use of exclamation points and rightly so!

**Requested Announcements**

**Join the River Country Community Choir** for a Spring Concert of Praise on Sunday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center. Singing from our church are Al Smalligan & Sylvia Lee. All are welcome!

**Position Opening:** The Love INC of Oceana County Board is seeking applications for a new Executive Director. Our local affiliate has been blessed with strong leadership for our first seven years. We are excited about what God has in store for the future. The Executive Director works with the staff and board to develop, implement, and manage the strategic goals and objectives of Love INC; and ensure our affiliate operates according to Love INC best practices. Interested candidates will demonstrate a passion for mobilizing churches to help people in need and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Contact the Love INC office at 231-861-5619 or

info@loveincoceana.org to find out more about the position and to receive an application packet with the full job description.

**ConGo Enjoy-Meant” Events**

We are “ConGo” (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

“Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh. 8:10

“Go and enjoy”:

**May 18- "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")-** A **"Just for Fun"** competition will be held for bar-b-quers and grillers. But others who come can partake of some delicious pulled pork bar-b-que prepared expertly by Mark. A donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meat. All extra will go to the church's outreach ministry (Benevolence Committee) to help those in need. Mark will begin the day with a bar-b-que tutorial for all interested. This event is open to the community. Those that would like to compete will need to bring your own grill and meat. Tutorial begins at 9:00am. Grilling begins at 10:00am. Eating starts at 1:00pm. For more info call the church at 924-4710.

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