



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:

Ministers, All members of the church
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

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:

Gini Coomer, Worship Leader
Jesse Wittman, String Bass

The flowers on the altar are from Cheryl Dillenback
in memory and honor of her mother, Roberta Dillenback.

MARCH 10, 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

See Amid the Winter's Snow

D. Lasky

Draw Nigh To God

W. Hutson

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Gini Coomer

On this first Sunday of Lent, we gather for worship.

We journey together, taking one step at a time.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we remember Jesus' faithful worship of God.

We journey together, taking one step at a time.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we walk humbly with God on the journey.

We journey together, taking one step at a time.

*OPENING SONG # 86

When Morning Gilds the Skies

PRAYER with MOMENT OF SILENCE for personal reflection

THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

Kyrie

M. J. Trotta

Kyrie eleison, (Lord have mercy,)

Christe eleison. (Christ have mercy.)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

Gini Coomer

SERMON

Walking Humbly and Stumbling

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG # 211

Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

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

Spring Will Be a Little Late This Year

F. Loesser

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 # 77 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Benediction

H. Bright

POSTLUDE

Sonata in G Major, K.283 Presto

W.A. Mozart

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 17 & 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?

TODAY!!! IYG BUZZ & Pitch-in lunch Maxx Pyron, Indiana Youth Group's volunteer coordinator, will join us to share information about IYG and opportunities how FCC can get more involved. IYG has served self-identified LGBTQ youth for over 30 years and is one of the nation's oldest organizations serving the gay community.

TONIGHT!!! Movie & Pizza Night, 5:30p.m. - As part of our 25th anniversary celebration of being Open & Affirming, we invite everyone to join us for pizza and a screening of the 2018 Golden Globe nominated film "Boy Erased." Stay for conversation after the film. See you on March 10th.

Cabaret at FCC, March 16, 7:00 p.m. - Famous Indianapolis cabaret diva Jeannie Logan teams up with Sean Baker the Music Maker to present an evening of hilarious original cabaret. This show is vaudeville for the mensa set! Lyrics fly fast and furious in this tour de force authored by New York composer & lyricist R. George Winters.

Lenten Small Groups - This Lenten season, 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 at lcampos33@gmail.com or 317-954-1601.

First Congregational Whole-Church Retreat: *Different, Equal, and Whole: Coming Together as One* - On March 22nd through March 23rd, you are invited to gather at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove for our Whole-Church Overnight Retreat. Through scripture, worship, dialogue, and prayer, we will seek to encounter the Divine by recognizing the spiritual gifts in ourselves and one another. 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.

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. 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. Put "Days for Girls" in the notation line of your check or on the Special Offering envelope. If you are buying supplies as an "in-kind" donation, save your receipts to turn in. For questions, contact Sue Chapman, Sally Coombs, or Shannon Abbott. Completed kits will be turned in by May 30th, in time for the I-K Conference Annual Gathering.

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 - As you begin spring housecleaning, take a survey of your home. Substitute chemical cleaners with non-toxic ones. Many good ideas can be found in *The Humble Art of Zen Cleaning*.

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 10	12:30 p.m.	Buzz & pitch-in lunch
Sunday, March 10	5:30 p.m.	Pizza & Movie
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group @ Jimmy & Aniseh's home
Wednesday, March 13	2:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group @ Rich Gibson's home
Wednesday, March 13	5:00 p.m.	Mental Health Team Meeting
Wednesday, March 13	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, March 14	1:30 p.m.	Lenten Small Group @ Marquette Manor
Saturday, March 16	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast @ Immanuel UCC
Saturday, March 16	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Small Group (in parlor)
Saturday, March 16	7:00 p.m.	Cabaret at FCC
Sunday, March 17	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 17	11:00 a.m.	Worship

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 Playground 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 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



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