



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.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah can be reached at (386) 478-9012 or at pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

We celebrate the team of people called to serve on our church staff:

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
Bell Choir Director, Bob Cook

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:

Rev. Worth Hartman, Worship Leader
Charles Manning, Guest Organist
Jesse Wittman, String Bass
Mike Kessler, Percussion

MARCH 24, 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

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

Beautiful Things

Michael & Lisa Gungor

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Worth Hartman

God says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters."

We go out in joy and come back in peace.

God says, "Incline your ear and listen to me, so that you may live."

We go out in joy and come back in peace.

God says, "Seek me, call upon me while I am near."

We go out in joy and come back in peace.

We shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*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

A New Beginning

S. Baker, A. Rutherford

Who were they, the ones who stood here before?

Where were they when they heard clearly God's call?

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

Chorale Prelude: "Jesu, Priceless Treasure"

J.S. Bach

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 #1 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Beautiful Things

Michael & Lisa Gungor

POSTLUDE

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello

Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, March 24	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Faith Meeting
Tuesday, March 26	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group
Wednesday, March 27	1:00 p.m.	Care & Connections Meeting
Wednesday, March 27	2:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group
Wednesday, March 27	6:30 p.m.	Calling Circle
Thursday, March 28	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, March 28	1:30 p.m.	Lenten Small Group
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 30	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast @ FCC
Saturday, March 30	10:00 a.m.	Lenten Small Group in parlor
Sunday, March 31	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 31	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/Carol Sowle preaching

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Adult Class – Sunday, March 31, 9:45 a.m.: Song of Songs (Solomon)

Explore this mysterious, beautiful, alluring collection of love poetry. Who are these lovers Dr. Wolfe names Rayati (woman) and Doti (man)? We will laugh, blush, and wonder how this racy material got in the bible and encounter Rayati, this assertive, articulate woman who affirms her own sexuality and selfhood.

New Member Sunday April 7 - Thinking about making First Congregational UCC your new church home? Talk to Pastor Sarah about your interest.

First Congregational's Historic Roots in Indy - On **Sunday, April 7**, Marion Harcourt, our most tenured member, will give a presentation during the Adult Ed hour. Following worship, we'll have a light lunch at church and then board a bus for Marion's tour of historic sites connected to FCC's 162 years in Indy. A sign-up sheet is available, and donations to cover the cost of the event are gratefully accepted!

Jesus Christ Superstar Karaoke - Kick off Holy Week a day early – on **Saturday, April 13**, from 2-4, we'll be showing Jesus Christ Superstar, and encouraging those

who want to sing along. Also, you can learn about the Gospel scriptures which most of the songs are based on.

Join in the “Days for Girls” Project – The IK 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. Check out the poster and clipboards in the narthex for printed directions, specific requirements for items, and signing up. You may contribute money for others to make purchases. Put “Days for Girls” in the check memo line 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 IK 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 – How do you handle potato peelings and apple cores? Simple composting is best, but if living in an apartment or condo, first wrap all your organic waste together in a newspaper or paper bag. It will decompose more easily than scattered throughout your trash.

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.

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Isaiah 55:1-13

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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