



# 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**.

**Pastor Sarah's Office Hours**

**Shannon's Office Hours**

<b>Monday</b> – Sabbath Day	<b>Monday</b> – Sabbath Day
<b>Tuesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Tuesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Thursday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b> – Out of Office	<b>Friday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Care:**

Pastor Sarah can be reached at (386) 478-9012 or at [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto: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:**

Clark Collier  
Jesse Wittman, string bass

The flowers on the altar are from Carol Sue Chapman  
in memory of her mother, Lillian R. Chapman.

**APRIL 7, 2019**

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

**11 A.M.**

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.  
Asterisk (\*) indicates those who choose to may stand.*

**WE GATHER**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Sonata, I, Allegro

C.F.E. Bach

Beautiful Things

Michael & Lisa Gungor

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Clark Collier

God invites us here to behold a new day.

**God makes a way out of no way.**

God is doing a new thing. Can you perceive it?

**God makes a way out of no way.**

Let us praise God for this gift of life.

**God makes a way out of no way.**

\*OPENING SONG #198    Lift High the Cross (verses 1-2)

PRAYER

Moment of silence for personal reflection

THE PEACE

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

**We believe that we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. By this we mean that: Propelled by God's grace we strive to welcome and love everyone! Seeking to hear God's voice in today's world; we worship, learn, and grow in faith individually and as a community. Responding to God's call for compassion, justice and care of the earth, we equip and empower each other to make a difference in our lives and in the world!**

Please join with me in making a covenant with the church:

**I covenant with God and one another to serve God with faithfulness; treat one another with acceptance, love, and compassion; bear witness to the world with love; and live our faith humbly, yet boldly. Amen!**

## WE PROCLAIM

### MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM Beautiful Things Gungor, arr. S. Baker  
*All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way.  
I wonder if my life could really change at all.  
All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found.  
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?  
You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things; you make beautiful things out of us.  
All around hope is springing up from this old ground.  
Out of chaos life is being found in you.  
You make me new; You are making me new.*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:16-21 Clark Collier

SERMON Walking Humbly Along The Way Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG (song book) #187 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

## 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

Come Sunday

D. Ellington

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

*We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly if the announcement is not in the bulletin. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for volunteer opportunities.*

\*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.**

### **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

COMMUNION SONG #332 As We Gather At Your Table

INVITATION and SHARING COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the table, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.*

*We celebrate with juice and two types of bread, including gluten free.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### **WE GO**

\*CLOSING SONG #207

Just as I am (verses 3-4)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Beautiful Things

Michael & Lisa Gungor

POSTLUDE

Sonata, III, Allegro

C.F.E. Bach

*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

<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	FCC's Historic Roots in Indy Tour
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Lenten Small Group
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Mindful Movement
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Music Support Team Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Lenten Small Group
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Trustees Meeting
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Lenten Small Group
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Lenten Breakfast @ Zion Evangelical UCC (Downtown)
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Jesus Christ Superstar Karaoke
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Sunday Adult Class
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Worship

### CALLS to SERVE

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

**Adult Class – Sunday, April 14** - Brainstorm on how/what the Adult Ed class contributes to our Just Peace Church work, and what might we do?

**TODAY!!! 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 at 9:45. 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. This will include a stop at Joy of All Who Sorrow, FCC's building prior to our current location. The bus leaves FCC at 1 pm, and it is a school bus, with seating for 44, so invite friends to join us! 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.

**Days for Girls Sew Day, April 22** - Sewers, cutters and workers needed for a church sew day on Monday, April 22nd from 9:30-noon in the Mayflower room. The Indiana/Kentucky UCC conference has challenged each member church to make 100 sets of kits that allow young women to attend school while they are menstruating. We are well underway, but now need workers. Bring your sewing machine, rotary cutters and mats, sewing shears, or just yourself and we will put you to work on this worthy project. Please let Sue Chapman ([carolsuech59@gmail.com](mailto:carolsuech59@gmail.com)) or Linda Lupton ([lkupton@aol.com](mailto:lkupton@aol.com)) know if you are available to help on this day or are able to work at home. **Also needed:** 22 more pairs of 100% cotton dark/bright color panties (girls 12/14 briefs), dark/brightly colored flannel (for pads – we are making 800 pads!), 50 more 100% cotton, dark/bright color wash cloths, and monetary donations to cover expenses for fabric/supplies. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of young women in developing nations.

**Poems & Stories** - The Mental Health Team is collecting poems and stories from you on the topic of “LGBTQ and Mental Health” through May 19. Booklets will be assembled to give to visitors to our booth at the PRIDE Festival. Entries may be emailed to Brandi Pudlo: [btpudlo@knox.edu](mailto:btpudlo@knox.edu). If you would like to send a draft for proof-reading before a final copy is printed, please send an email with the draft by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Green Team Tip** – No plastic bags! My good intention to take shopping bags along is something I usually remember when I get to checkout without them. I either roll my cart of unbagged stuff to the car and bag them then, or sigh and ask for paper bags.

**April Mission of the Month: Exodus Refugee** - Exodus Refugee helps resettle refugees who come to this country legally by meeting basic needs, and also provide services including social and medical services, English language training, and employment services in order to achieve self-sufficiency in their new home. With the cuts and changes in US immigration policy, there has been a severe cut in funding, but legal refugees continue to arrive. We ask that you give generously to support their important work that answers God's commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Change and dollar bills in the offering plate will be designated for the mission of the month. Larger bills should be put in the “mission

offering" envelopes in the pew and put in the offering plate. Checks should have Exodus marked in the memo line and made out to the church. We appreciate your help. Thank you for your support.

**Pantry Items of the Month** - During April we are collecting the following items: canned ravioli, cereal, soup, pasta and deodorant.

### ***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 Prayground 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)**

### **Isaiah 43:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.



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