



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

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

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:

Nancy Dickinson

APRIL 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE	Hosanna!	A.L. Webber
PROCESSIONAL	Hosanna	S. Tressa
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
THE PEACE		
OPENING SONG #216	All Glory Laud and Honor	

WE PROCLAIM

DRAMA ACT 1

SCRIPTURE	Luke 19:28-40	Nancy Dickinson
MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Wendy Harrison

ANTHEM	For What It's Worth	S. Stills
There's something happening here		
What it is ain't exactly clear		
There's a man with a gun over there		
Telling me I got to beware		
I think it's time we stop, children, what's that sound		
Everybody look what's going down		
There's battle lines being drawn		
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong		
Young people speaking their minds		
Getting so much resistance from behind		

It's time we stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
What a field-day for the heat
A thousand people in the street
Singing songs and carrying signs
Mostly say, hooray for our side
It's time we stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down
Paranoia strikes deep
Into your life it will creep
It starts when you're always afraid
You step out of line, the man come and take you away
We better stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down....

PRAYERS OF PROTEST

SONG #132 (songbook) Pave the Way with Justice

DRAMA ACT 2

MESSAGE Walking with Jesus with Humility & Love Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SONG #131 (songbook) I'm Determined
(Quartet will sing through once.)

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES, and PRAYERS OF PROTEST

OFFERING RESPONSE

**I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose to serve;
I give my heart I give my life, I give my all to you.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We're determined to walk with Jesus.

RECESSIONAL

Hosanna!

S. Tressa

POSTLUDE

Hosanna

A.L. Webber

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, April 21, 9:45 a.m. – Exploring Resurrection Part 1 - the Traditional View. We will read a reflection from Shawnthea Monroe, who is the senior minister of Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Her reflection was published in Christian Century, March 10, 2016.

Sing Hallelujah! - For our Easter Sunday Service, the choir will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. We would love to have anyone who has sung this before join us in this musical celebration. There will be a few extra copies of the score on the table in the Narthex. Or, if you happen to have your own copy, please bring it along. Spread the word far and wide. All are welcome to join!

Sew Day for Days for Girls Service Project, 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) or Linda Lupton (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: bt pudlo@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 1st.

Green Team Tip – My mother was a child of the Depression. What she did with paper towels: After wiping up water spills, hang or spread them on any convenient surface to dry, then use them again. If wiping up something dirty on table or counter, dry them again and store them under the sink. Use them once more, third time if you're lucky, to clean up spills on the floor. Only after that may you throw them away, preferably with full honors. Humming “Taps” as you do so is commendable, but not strictly necessary.

Dress for Success - Spring Cleaning? Have gently used professional clothes you are no longer wearing? Dress for Success can give them to women who can't afford interview clothes to help them be better prepared when job hunting. Put donations in the cloakroom by the sign. Thanks!

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, April 14	12:15 p.m.	Outreach & Service Meeting
Tuesday, April 16	1:30 p.m.	Circle IV
Thursday, April 18	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, April 18	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Soup & Worship
Thursday, April 18	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 19	11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Ecumenical Worship @ Castleton UMC
Sunday, April 21	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 21	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Easter Sunday

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.

~Holy Week Worship~

April 18: Maundy Thursday Soup Dinner with Communion in the Mayflower Room at 6:30pm, followed by Worship in the sanctuary

April 19: Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at 11am followed by luncheon at Castleton United Methodist Church

April 21: Easter Sunday Celebration with Handel's Messiah at 11am

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."



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