



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**. Please let us know who you are by filling out an information card found in the pew holder and place it in the offering plate.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours

Shannon's Office Hours

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

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah will be out of the office serving the wider church May 7th – 9th. Pastor Carol can be reached on those days at (317)496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com.

After May 9th, 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 & Green Team members: Rich Gibson, Paul Terheide, Ann Leatherman, Katie Booth, & William Gillette

MAY 5, 2019

EARTH 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

Dust In the Wind

K. Livgren

Breathe On Me , Breath of God

S. Rickards

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Paul Terheide

In the beginning was God . . .

But the earth was a formless void . . .

Darkness covered the face of the deep . . .

But then a wind from God swept over the waters:

Wind, made of carbon and oxygen to sustain all living things:

Moving air, necessary for life on earth;

And God saw that it was good.

STORY

(By Rich Gibson)

Paul Terheide

*OPENING SONG #569

Touch the Earth Lightly

LITANY OF FORGIVENESS

Ann Leatherman

According to Genesis, God separated the water below from the water above, and the expanse is called sky.

And God called it good.

In that expanse God created the molecules that our life needs to thrive and the upper atmosphere that protects the earth from the Sun's harmful radiation.

And God called it good.

God. We have not understood how precious our air is, and how easily we have damaged our atmosphere with our ignorance.

Forgive us our ignorance;

Forgive us for neglecting opportunities to change our lifestyles, for being unwilling to overlook when we or others pollute our air.

Forgive us our acts of both commission and omission.

God, we have at times squandered opportunities to support policies and solutions that can protect and renew our atmosphere and protect our people and protect our people and all of creation.

Lord, help us to respond actively to ways to improve our air quality for all people.

In silence God, we ponder our present failings. Help us to be more conscious of the air we breathe.

MOMENT OF MEDITATION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not condemn. God has assured us of understanding our ignorance and failings. God asks us to use the new knowledge we are given. Gods gives us opportunities to be heard in making clean air policy, and actions we can to individually and collectively to preserve a natural resource gifted to us from God's creation.

Thanks be to God

THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-10 Katie Booth

STORY Rich Gibson

ANTHEM Who Has Seen the Wind Rosetti/Althouse

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you:

But when the leaves hang trembling,

The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their heads,

The wind is passing by.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES susanna-judith rae

SONG # 564 We Are Not Our Own

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Nancy Dickinson

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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Our Father or Our Mother or Our Creator or Our Sacred Presence, 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INTERLUDE

Slow Hot Wind

N. Gimbel, H. Mancini

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

William Gillette

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. Place connect cards in offering plates.

*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

INVITATION and SHARING COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund w/ Katie Booth,

Nancy Dickinson, Rich Gibson

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 #586

Come to Tend God's Garden

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

S. Rickards

POSTLUDE

The Breeze and I

Stillman, Lecuona

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, May 5, 9:45 a.m. – Presentation by the Green Team.

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.

Kid's Night Out! (aka Parent's Night Off!) – **Saturday, May 25, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.** – Drop off your kids (ages 3-12) for a fun-filled night of dinner, crafts, and a movie! Please register in advance. Suggested donation of \$10/child. All volunteers have passed a current background check. CPR certified volunteer on site. Contact welcome@fcindy.org with any additional questions.

Green Team Tip – Remember to take your reusable bags when you visit grocery and all other stores. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

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!

May Mission of the Month: UCC Mental Health Network

The May Mission of the Month supports the UCC Mental Health Network. Your FCC WISE Mental Health Team refers to this resource often as we work to become a WISE Congregation with your support. The UCC Mental Health Network works to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people with mental illness/brain disorders and their families in the life, leadership and work of the congregation.

Partner with us:

- +While the diagnosis and treatment of serious mental illness is undergoing a revolution, the discrimination against persons with mental health concerns is still a fact of life.
- +We believe that education through churches is one key to changing this discrimination.
- +We believe that networking together within the UCC and with similar networks in other denominations and faith groups will help us in our efforts.
- +We believe that advocacy for individuals and for social and legislative change will improve the life of many.
- +We believe that through our own policies and within our own ministries we can model for the rest of society how to be caring congregations and a compassionate denomination.

Thank you for your support.

Pantry Items of the Month - During May we are collecting the following items: ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, muffin mix, and laundry detergent.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, May 5	12:15 p.m.	Summer Series Planning
Tuesday, May 7	10:00 a.m.	Witness & Welcome
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, May 9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 12	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, May 12	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Installation of Pastor Carol Sowle
Sunday, May 12	12:15 p.m.	Affirmation of Ministry & Reception for Pastor Carol

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.



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