



# 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**.

<b>Pastor Sarah's Office Hours</b>	<b>Shannon's Office Hours</b>
<b>Monday</b> – Holiday	<b>Monday</b> – Holiday
<b>Tuesday</b> – vacation	<b>Tuesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> – vacation	<b>Wednesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b> – vacation	<b>Thursday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b> – IKC Annual Gathering	<b>Friday</b> – IKC Annual Gathering

**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

**We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:**

Rich Gibson, Moderator  
Lianna Campos, Vice Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk  
Jim Lootens, Treasurer  
George Meier, Financial Secretary

**We celebrate those leading us in worship today:**

Steve Coomer, Worship Leader  
Charles Manning, Guest Organist

**MAY 26, 2019**

**11 A.M.**

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

**WE GATHER**

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Air

Giuseppe Tartini

O Worship The Lord

Anon

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Steve Coomer

God calls us to proclaim the Good News.

**We answer God's call to love all people, no matter what.**

God calls us to places of comfort and discomfort.

**We answer God's call to open our hearts.**

God calls us to new discoveries and new ways.

**We answer God's call to grow and change.**

\*OPENING SONG #31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

OPENING PRAYER

THE PEACE

**WE PROCLAIM**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM

Three Patriotic Treasures

Arr with additional original  
music by G. Gilpin

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to be free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me.  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside let freedom ring!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

SCRIPTURE Acts 16: 9-15 Steve Coomer

SERMON "An Open Heart" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG # 553 There is a Balm in Gilead

### **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

**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.**

MEDITATION I Vow to Thee, My Country Gustav Holst

#### 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. 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.**

### WE GO

\*CLOSING SONG #522 I Love to Tell the Story

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE The Lord Bless You Anon

POSTLUDE Jig Fugue Dieterich Buxtehude  
*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, June 2, 9:45 a.m.** – will continue to read and discuss “Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism.”

**Pride Sunday with Guest Preacher, Rev. Lawrence Richardson, June 2** – Pastor Sarah will lead worship and the message will share the perspective of a Black transgender UCC minister. Rev. Richardson is pastor of Linden Hills UCC in MN, and is author of *I Know What Heaven Looks Like: A Modern Day Coming of Age Story*.

**Picnic Pitch-In, NEXT SUNDAY, June 2!** – Please plan to attend a pitch-in picnic following worship next Sunday. The church will provide baked and friend chicken, so salads, desserts, chips, or drinks are welcomed contributions. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex to give an idea of who’s bringing what. Depending on the weather, we’ll gather in the playground or the Mayflower Room. Contact Wendy Baldwin with any questions.

**Time to Sign Up for PRIDE - Saturday, June 8** - There are sign up sheets in the vestibule for activities at Indy’s PRIDE celebration. Please indicate as you are able to participate.

\* UCC Parade participants from multiple UCC churches may meet at First Congregational for a light breakfast buffet about 8 am.

\* We can carpool from FCC to downtown to ease parking. People might want to organize as those only doing the parade and those who'd like to stay at least for part of the festival.

\* Parade: Usually involves time between 9:30 am - 11:30 and walking about 2 miles. We are looking at carpooling from the church to enable ease of parking.

\* Festival Booth: Reserve a two hour time slot between noon and 6 pm. We hope to have 2 -3 members in the booth during these times.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Sale, Saturday June 15, 9am – 2pm:** Plan now to bring your useful (but now useless to you) items to sell. As in the past, 6-foot tables are \$10; longer 8-foot ones are \$12 this year. You set up, sell, keep the income, and clean up. See more details in the Epistle and upcoming Colony. Questions?? Inquiries to any Green Team member: Katie Booth, Nancy Dickinson, Rich Gibson, Bill Gillette, Ann Leatherman, Paul Terheide

**Green Team Tip** – Keep the welfare of the earth in mind as you work and play this weekend. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com).)

### **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.

**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

<b>Sunday, May 26</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	Creative Worship Design Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Mindful Movement
<b>Thursday, May 30</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Lunch
<b>Thursday, May 30</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Sunday Adult Class
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Worship – Pride Sunday
<b>Sunday, June 2</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	Picnic Pitch-In

***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)

### Acts 16: 9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.



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