



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**. We invite guests to fill out a connect card in the pew holder and place it in the offering plate.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours

Shannon's Office Hours

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| Monday – vacation | Monday – Sabbath Day |
| Tuesday – vacation | Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday – vacation | Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Thursday – vacation | Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Friday – vacation | Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah will be on vacation July 8-14. While she is away, Pastor Carol can be reached at (317)496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com.

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 serving in worship today:

Bob Cook, Worship Leader - Aniseh Ebbini, Playful Movement Leader

The flowers on the altar are given by Earl Hoppert and susanna-judith rae in memory of

Earl's mother and step-father, Margaret Server Hoppert and Glen Hoppert, as well as Earl's father, Harold Granholm.

JULY 7, 2019

CELEBRATING CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

11 A.M.

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

Asterisk () indicates those who choose to may stand.*

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Baby Mine

Churchill, Washington

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

***CALL to WORSHIP**

We gather this morning to celebrate and affirm God's extravagant welcome,
so we remember Jesus' words:

Let the children come to me.

We open our hearts this morning with the desire to be made pure and free,
so we remember Jesus' words:

Let the children come to me.

We understand that within each one of us is a child that longs to be cherished and loved,
so we remember Jesus' words:

Let the children come to me.

WE PROCLAIM

***SONG # 327**

Jesus Loves Me

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE FOR ALL AGES

Matthew 18:1-5, Matthew 19:13-15

ANTHEM

Let the Children Come to Me

S. Baker

Let the children come to me.

Let their hearts be pure and free.

Let the joy in each voice be God's heavenly choice.

They're created as they should be.

Let the children come to me.

Let their hearts be pure and free.

*Let the love in their laughter lift up ever after,
Created as they should be.*

*Now when we grow old as the world grows cold,
Within lines of its laws we abide.
When we nurture the young ones let's learn to be fun ones
And cherish our own child inside.*

*Let the children come to me.
Let their hearts be pure and free.
Let the light in their eyes bring a splendid surprise.
They're created as they should be.*

*Let all children come to me.
Let our hearts be pure and free.
For no matter our stages we'll love through our ages,
Created as we should be.*

LESSON FOR ALL AGES

Let the Children Come to Me

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG # 524

This Little Light of Mine

New Century Hymnal

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 FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

& LORD'S PRAYER (from *Family Story Bible*)

Our God in heaven, your name is holy and special.

May your peace come.

May we live on earth, as you live in heaven.

Give us what we need each day.

Forgive us the bad things we have done,

As we forgive those who have done bad things to us.

Don't test us with things too hard for us, and save us from evil.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Free

Williams, Redd, Watts, Greene

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION and SHARING COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

*SONG # 195

Children of God

Sing! Prayer and Praise

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

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, July 14, 9:45 a.m. – We will continue to read and discuss "Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism."

TODAY!!! Spiritual Explorers, 12:15 PM (in the library) - FCC Spiritual Explorers will discuss which spiritual practices to focus on in coming months, such as silence, gratitude, poetry, journaling, music, and ways God is calling us. All are welcome!

Green Tip - Cooking out this holiday? Enjoy one burger (preferably turkey...or veggie) but don't go overboard on beef which causes so much pollution.

July Mission of the Month: Underneath It All

This mission provides underwear and school uniforms for children in IHN/Family Promise Aftercare. The Aftercare Program of Family Promise/IHN helps homeless families who get housing remain housed. You can help in any of the ways listed below.

- 1) Buy underwear/socks/undershirts/underpants in any size from child size 4 to adult Large - boys or girls. Put in the white laundry baskets during July.
- 2) Donate new or gently used pants, shirts, skirts, or jumpers-all sizes from child size 4 to adult. Shirts must have collars and can be any solid color, without decoration or logo. Pants, skirts, or jumpers must be a solid color (tan, navy or black) with no decoration.
- 3) Donate \$ in July to buy uniforms or underwear in- change, dollar bills and checks designated Underneath It All in the memo line will help. We will buy clothes with the money donated.

With the year-round school calendar, school starts again in early Aug for many schools, so new uniforms will be needed soon. Past donations have provided each child in the Aftercare Program at least 1 full new uniform including underwear and socks. This is much appreciated by the families and Family Promise, so please continue to be generous.

Pantry Items of the Month - During July we are collecting the following items: juice, pasta, canned meat, pancake mix, shampoo and conditioner.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

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| Sunday, July 7 | 12:15 p.m. | Spiritual Explorers |
| Wednesday, July 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Community Singing |
| Thursday, July 11 | 1:00 p.m. | Men's Lunch |
| Saturday, July 13 | 10:30 a.m. | Bell Choir |
| Sunday, July 14 | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday Adult Class |
| Sunday, July 14 | 11:00 a.m. | Worship w/ Pastor Carol Sowle preaching |

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 Scriptures

Matthew 18:1-5 (Inclusive)

¹The disciples came up to Jesus with the question, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²Jesus called for a little child to come and stand among them. ³Jesus said, "The truth is, unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Those who make themselves as humble as this child are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."

Matthew 19: 13-15 (NIV)

¹³Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ¹⁵When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

LET *the*
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CHILDREN
COME
LOVE
MATTHEW 19:14



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