



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	Monday – Sabbath
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 – working out of office	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah may 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

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:

Elizabeth Price, Worship Leader
Jesse Wittman, String Bass
Mike Kessler, Vibraphone

JULY 28, 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

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Elizabeth Price

Lead us from death to life

From falsehood to truth

From despair to hope

From fear to trust

Lead us from hate to love

From war to peace

Let peace fill our hearts

Let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe

WE PROCLAIM

*OPENING SONG #42

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13

Elizabeth Price

SERMON

“Snakes at the Border”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #581

Lead Us from Death to Life

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 & LORD'S PRAYER (NRSV)

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.**

INTERLUDE

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)

**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 #120

Dream God's Dream

Sing! Prayer and Praise

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.

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.

CALLS to SERVE

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

Adult Class – Sunday, August 4, 9:45 a.m. – We continue to read and discuss "Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism."

Thinking of making First Congregational your new church home? Join us in welcoming new members next Sunday, August 4. Contact Pastor Sarah pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

Just Peace Team Meeting, Next Sunday, Aug 4 at 12:30 (Library)

Family Promise Clothing Drive in August - For those of you used to spring and fall clothing drives, this year Family Promise is just doing one in August. So we will not be doing a big push this year. Bring clothing donations to the church in tall white trash bags that are securely tied.

FCC Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walk, Sunday, August 11 - FCC Spiritual Explorers will walk the labyrinth at St. Peter's UCC church after worship on Sunday, August 11. All are welcome! Please stay tuned for more details in future communications.

Dear Friends of Exodus Refugee Services

Trump administration officials are considering the unprecedented step of shutting down refugee resettlement in 2020. After already setting the lowest goal in the program's history - only 30,000 refugees in 2019 - some officials have proposed admitting ZERO. Cutting the program further at a time when record numbers of people are fleeing for their lives is unjustifiable.

Even as we fight this cruel proposal to decimate the US refugee resettlement program, Exodus continues to serve the many refugees who already call Indianapolis home. We are committed, we are prepared, and [with your help](#) we will keep making Indianapolis a haven of freedom and safety for all. CALL YOUR SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVE TODAY: Call 202-224-3121 to be connected to your 2 Senators and 1 Representative.

Green Team Tip – Farmers' markets provide an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables. Visit one this week for healthy eating and local produce. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

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.

Flower Calendar - The 2019 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board by the garden doors. Flowers can be for any occasion, and can come from the store, florist, or from your garden. The cost is \$25.00 from our florist. Any questions, please email Sally Coombs at sallysews73@gmail.com or call 317-446-2853. You can also let Shannon Abbott know the occasion at shannon@fcindy.org or call the church office at 317-257-5397.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Tuesday, July 30	1:30 p.m.	Connector Meeting
Saturday, August 3	1:00 p.m.	Green Team Meeting
Sunday, August 4	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Worship
Sunday, August 4	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, August 4	12:30 p.m.	Just Peace Meeting

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



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