



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 off site	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
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, Grace Langford

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:

Sue Chapman, Worship Leader Mike Wiltrout, guest vocalist Mike Kessler, percussion
Jesse Wittman, string bass Gary Thompson, guitar

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

11 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Hymn Medley

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING

New Century Hymnal

- #8 Praise to the Living God (vs. 1)
- #12 I Sing the Mighty Power of God (vs. 1)
- #17 To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (vs. 1)
- #22 Sing Praise to God (vs. 1)
- #28 For the Beauty of the Earth (vs. 1)
- #35 O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder (vs. 1)

Sing! Prayer & Praise

- #2 Morningstar (vs. 1,2)
- #11 Come On In!
- #12 Come, My People (vs. 1)
- #2 Come, All You People (vs. 1 twice)
- #23 Sing to God" (vs. 1)
- #26 You Are Welcome Here" (refrain only)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bein' Green

Joe Raposo

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kindom 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.**

*OPENING SONG #557

Pray for the Wilderness (vs. 1,2)

New Century Hymnal

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:28-31a

Sue Chapman

ANTHEM

Keep the Planet

S. Baker, A. Rutherford

Turn out the lights.

Recycle those magazines.

Do what you know is right to keep the plan-et clean.

Drive a hybrid car.

Invite your neighbors to ride with you, but don't travel too far.

Let's keep the planet cool.

No more Styrofoam in our earthly home.

Can-vas bags at the grocery store, they hold much more.

This is God's great call for our earthly ball:

"Take care of what I gave you, for this is all there is."

Keep your tires pumped.

Leave the water bottles on the shelf.

Let's all limit our junk, and give God our help

for this creation that we in-habit will re-main strong,

if we re-member and practice this song.

*Let's all recycle, re-use, and re-duce, and we'll never go wrong
in protecting the plan-et our whole lives long.*

SERMON

It's Not Easy Being Green

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #557

Pray for the Wilderness (vs. 3,5)

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE FOR THE PLANET

We invite you to join into small groups and discuss current activity related to protecting the earth & commitment to new activity.

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

As the offering is being collected we will sing the offering hymn.

OFFERING SONG #547

Amazing Grace

New Century Hymnal

OFFERING PRAYER

WE GO

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Peaceful Easy Feeling/Amazing Grace

Tempchin

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, September 15, 9:45 a.m. - WISE presentation with Shannon Abbott: The Practice of Whole-Self Care through Movement and Meditation.

TODAY!!! Green Lunch, 12:15 p.m. - The Green Team will host a lunch featuring foods with a low carbon footprint. The lunch will include salad, soup, an entree and dessert. During the meal, diners will get tips and advice about cooking and eating sustainably.

Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walks - FCC's second 2019 labyrinth-walking experience will be on **September 8** at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., **following FCC's Green Team's 12:15 lunch**. Persons who attend the Green Lunch, as well as those who do not, can all meet at **2:00** at Second Pres to walk the outside labyrinth.

Choir Rehearsals – Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please email Julie at juliehouston@comcast.net. We would love to have you join us!

In Harmony: a community singing group - Sally McSpadden is starting a new singing group, which will be hosted by First Congregational. It is called "In Harmony", and is a non-auditioned, non-performing, intergenerational singing group for ALL voices. Music is taught aurally, no music reading ability necessary. There will be occasional special guests speaking on a range of topics including mindful movement and breath. It will meet twice a month on Thursdays, from 6-7 pm, in the Mayflower Room. The dates are 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 11/7, and 11/21. A small fee will apply, with the bulk going to support First Congregational. This group will include people from outside our church, and is also open to anyone in our church family. For general questions, contact Wendy Baldwin or Bob Cook.

Advent Alternative Worship - Are you interested in joining a creative group to plan and implement an Alternative Worship experience for Advent? Do you want to plan a series of small group studies/experiences? Large group sessions that might include yoga, guided meditation, massage, Reiki, Frankincense and Myrrh? Something else? Any and all creative people welcome! Please see Elizabeth Price after worship this Sunday or email her at eprice235@gmail.com.

Around a Table - Would you like to build connections with other members outside of worship? Those interested will be placed in groups to get together for meals or snacks over a 4 month period. We will then repeat with new sign ups and new groups! If interested, please complete the

enclosed sign up sheet and return it to church (basket in the narthex) by September 22. Please contact Karen Walker (317-319-8950 or Karen.e.d.walker@gmail.com) for any questions or help with sign up.

September Buzz: Witness to the Southern US Border, Sunday, September 22, 12:30 p.m.

Witness can take many forms and for this event, Jill Olinger, member of St. Peter's UCC in Carmel, and President of the Indiana Kentucky Conference, will share stories of a personal journey of more than 10,000 miles and taken over 10 weeks in early 2019 along the US/Mexico border. The stories will be shared and conversation will be guided based on the UCC's 3 Great Loves: Love of Children, Love of Neighbor, and Love of Creation.

Sign Up for "FC's Got Talent": Do you have a gift or talent that you're willing to share with your FC family at our 'talent show' on Oct 4? These can include various acts of music, song, dialogue (3-5 minutes in length), as well as displays of art, writing, handicrafts, etc. Think now about what you want to share with us, and sign up by 9/22 with your talent on the sheets in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin or Bob Cook

CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk, Sunday October 6th - Walk, sign-up, donate or sponsor a walker by going to www.crophunger/walk.org/Indianapolisin/FCindy or see Sally Coombs for more information.

Green Team Tip – Fall is a good time to plant trees. Does your yard need one or two? (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

September Mission of the Month: Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light

HIPL is an interfaith organization dedicated to advocating for sustainable living and changes to protect God's creation of life on this earth, both human and others. Its mission is to educate congregations on sustainable living practices that will reduce our carbon footprint, and promote the use of renewable energy resources. They were instrumental in helping us start and maintain the study and work process that has led to our efforts to decrease our church's carbon foot print with changes to our lighting and now the installation of a photovoltaic system that will allow the church to capture part of its energy from a renewable source. The organization is funded primarily from contributions from its member congregations. Please support them with the September Mission of the Month.

Pantry Items of the Month – During September we are collecting the following items: bread, baking mixes, canned vegetables, and deodorant.

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

Sunday, September 8	12:15 p.m.	Green Lunch
Sunday, September 8	2:00 p.m.	Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walk @ Second Presbyterian
Wednesday, September 11	11:00 a.m.	Music Support Team
Wednesday, September 11	5:00 p.m.	Mental Health Team
Wednesday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sunday, September 15	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, September 15	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, September 15	12:15 p.m.	Outreach & Service

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Genesis 1:28-31a

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

