



## 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**. **At First Congregational we recognize God as a loving, creating, all-encompassing Spirit who is not limited by usual human boundaries. Therefore, we practice the use of inclusive, expansive, and non-gendered language when speaking of and to God.**

**Pastor Sarah’s Office Hours**

**Monday:** Sabbath  
**Tuesday:** working off site  
**Wednesday:** working off site  
**Thursday:** working off site  
**Friday:** working off site

**Shannon’s Office Hours**

**Monday:** Sabbath  
**Tuesday:** 9am – 12pm  
**Wednesday:** 9am – 12pm  
**Thursday:** 9am – 12pm  
**Friday:** 9am – 12pm

**Pastoral Care:** Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386)478-9012 or [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

**We celebrate 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  
Olivia Bradley, Just Peace Intern  
Olivia Beeman, Nursery Attendant  
Jess Tyler, Nursery Attendant

**We celebrate our church leadership:**

Alice Rutherford, Moderator  
Larry Eckel, Vice Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk  
Jim Lootens, Treasurer  
Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary

The altar flowers  
are given by  
George Meier in  
memory of Gary  
Collins’ birthday  
(Feb 6).

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Worship Leader  
Jesse Wittman, string bass  
Mike Kessler, percussion

***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. Preschool age and younger may use the Nursery or children of all ages 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.***

**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

**11 A.M.**

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

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

## **WE GATHER**

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

INTROIT

Open Our Hearts

J. Strathdee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey

We are the salt of the earth

**God invites us to share all our gifts to bless the earth**

We are the light of the world

**The Spirit invites us to shine our light to bless the earth**

We are inheritors of the realm of heaven

**Jesus invites us to create the realm of heaven here on earth**

WELCOME and PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*OPENING SONG #25

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1-3)

New Century Hymnal

\*THE PEACE

## **WE PROCLAIM**

### **MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

ANTHEM

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington, arr. Baker

*Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday that's the day.*

*Sacred God above, the almighty, God of love,*

*Oh, please be near and see Your people through.*

*I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.*

*I don't mind the gray skies, cause they're just clouds passing by.*

*Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.*

*Love each other, sisters, brothers. Have a brighter by and by.*

*I believe God is now, was then, and always will be.*

*With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.*

*Sacred God above, the almighty, God of love,  
Oh, please be near and see Your people through.*

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:13-20	Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey
SERMON	Share Earthly and Spiritual Resources	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #559	Thank You, God (vs 1-3)	New Century Hymnal

### **WE RESPOND**

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION IMPROMPTU

OFFERING and \*DOXOLOGY (#778)

We come here now and bring these gifts.

To you, O God, our praise we lift.

Let these our gifts go back to you,

To share with all this whole world through.

### **WE GO**

*CLOSING SONG #199	Go, Make a Difference	Sing! Prayer and Praise
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Open Our Hearts	J. Strathdee

MUSIC TO SEND US

*Following worship, everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.*



## **CALLS to SERVE**

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

**TOMORROW! Border Information & Vigil – Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.** – Please join us for an educational program about what is happening at the U.S.-Mexico border. Education and witness of stories from the border will be followed by a prayer vigil for Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez, a young boy killed by U.S. Border Patrol on October 10, 2012 in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

**NEXT SUNDAY - Adult Class – Sunday, February 16, 9:45 a.m.** - Marion Harcourt will talk about Capernaum in Galilee, where Jesus spent three years teaching and where he fed the 5000, Nazareth and Cana in Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle, and the River Jordan, the route from Galilee to Jerusalem and where John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

**NEXT SUNDAY - Buzz & Pitch-In Lunch – “Expanding our Extravagant Welcome,” February 16, 12:00 p.m.** – Bring a dish to share for a pitch-in lunch after worship and enjoy our discussion about effective welcoming practices for today's faith community.

**“Around a table” – Fellowship, Fun, & Food** – The idea is to be in fellowship and get to know different people – so the more the merrier! If interested, please complete the sign up sheet on the table in the narthex by February 16 (next Sunday!). Presented by Care & Connections board – please contact Karen Walker (317-319-8950 or [karen.e.d.walker@gmail.com](mailto:karen.e.d.walker@gmail.com)) or Wendy Baldwin (317-319-0806 or [wendy.baldwin@rci.com](mailto:wendy.baldwin@rci.com)) for any questions or help with sign up.

**Address Directory** - We are working on the annual update to our address directory, and plan to have it completed by the end of the month. If you have had a change to your name, address, phone numbers, or email, or if you are not listed in the directory, please contact Shannon at [shannon@fcindy.org](mailto:shannon@fcindy.org), and/or make a note of the change(s) on the master copy on the Narthex table, by 2/23. Thanks, Wendy Baldwin.

**Supply Drive for Family Promise** – This month, Family Promise is holding a supply drive to collect many items needed for use by families at the Day Center and while in the IHN shelter and After Care programs. Fliers listing needed items are in the narthex. Donations will be collected from

through Feb. 23. Please put items in the large white laundry hampers in the narthex or use the white trash bags that are in those hampers. Supplies will be delivered to Family Promise from Feb. 24 through Feb. 27. Your generosity will be appreciated by Family Promise and those they serve.

### **February Mission of the Month: Peace Learning Center**

Now that our church has become a Just Peace Church we have an opportunity to witness to our commitment to peace and support the Peace Learning Center, an internationally recognized community educational institution promoting peace-building and conflict resolution with programs replicated in eight US cities and five countries. Since 1997, the PLC has reached more than 210,000 people locally and internationally. Peace Learning Center educates, inspires and, empowers people to live peacefully. Its vision is to build a community of peace where respect is primary and justice is real. The PLC works directly with schools, community nonprofits, businesses, juvenile correctional facilities, and faith groups to facilitate peace education. The Peace Learning Center believes everyone can be a peacemaker. Programs teach safe and simple ways to manage anger, solve problems, and develop appreciation for differing perspectives.

Consider a generous contribution to our February Mission of the Month, the Peace Learning Center. You can learn more about this inspiring organization at [www.peacelearningcenter.org](http://www.peacelearningcenter.org)

**Pantry Items of the Month** - During the month of February, we are collecting: jelly/jam, canned tuna/chicken, pasta, and bar soap.

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL**

<b>Sunday, February 9</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Student Pastor Support Team</b>
<b>Monday, February 10</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Border Information &amp; Vigil</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mental Health Team</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Saturday, February 15</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Buzz &amp; Pitch In Lunch: Expanding Our Extravagant Welcome</b>

## Today's Scripture (NRSV)

### Matthew 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



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FEBRUARY

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**JOSE ANTONIO ELENA RODRIGUEZ  
WAS KILLED BY BORDER PATROL  
ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER**

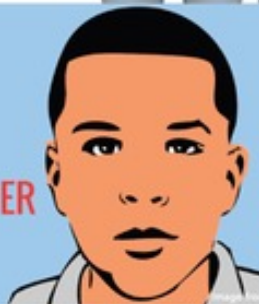


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**WHAT:** An educational program about what is happening at the U.S. Mexico border followed by a prayer vigil for Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez a young boy killed by U.S. Border Patrol Oct 10, 2012 in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

**WHERE:** First Congregational United Church of Christ,  
7171 North Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

**WHEN:** Monday February 10, 2020 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**WHO:** For anyone who wants to learn more and help make a change.

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