



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: 9am – 12pm

Wednesday: 9am – 12pm

Thursday: 9am – 12pm

Friday: 9m – 12pm

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.

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

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Rev. Elizabeth Price, 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 16, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	Meditation on Psalm 42:1	Wagner
INTROIT	This Is The Day	Daniel Moe
WELCOME and PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Elizabeth Price
Open your hearts to love		
We open our hearts to love		
Open your minds to hope		
We open our minds to hope		
Open your spirits to peace		
We open our spirits to peace		
*OPENING SONG #86	When Morning Gilds the Skies	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
*THE PEACE		

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM	Grow Your Garden	J. Althouse
<i>Grow your garden. Grow it tall and green and every color of the rainbow. Grow your garden. Give it tender care and you will reap what you will sow. In your garden plant some flowers. They will take root. They will grow. Watch them blossom in your garden, all the flowers in a row. Tend your garden with a passion, and it will pay you back in time. When the clouds come and the rains fall, remember the sun will shine. And your garden, as the years go by, will grow into a place of beauty Filled with memories, filled with life and love, a quiet place for all to see.</i>		

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:21-26	Rev. Elizabeth Price
SERMON	Conflict Transformation	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #539	Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? (verses 1-5)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

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. Loving God **hear our prayer.***

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.

INTERLUDE	See Amid the Winter's Snow	Lasky
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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. Guests, please fill out a **Connect Card** found in the pew holders so that we might learn more about you. The cards may also be used to for prayer requests that will be shared through our weekly prayer chain. Please place Connect Cards in the offering plate.*

*DOXOLOGY

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 #570	We Shall Overcome (verses 1-4)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

This Is the Day

Daniel Moe

POSTLUDE

Bourée

G.F. Handel

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

TODAY! Buzz & Pitch-In Lunch – “Expanding our Extravagant Welcome” – Enjoy a meal and discussion about effective welcoming practices for today's faith community.

Lenten Devotionals: For the Beauty of the Earth - Lenten devotionals are available for pick up in the narthex.

Friday Night at the Movies – Join us on the 3rd Friday of each month – 2/21, 6:30ish: We meet at 6:30ish at Keystone Art Cinema in the Fashion Mall at Keystone, and decide which film(s) to see, get refreshments, and socialize. Then, after the movie, hang out at the Indie Lounge for more fellowship. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin.

NEXT SUNDAY - Adult Class – Sunday, February 23, 9:45 a.m. - Marion Harcourt went to the Holy Land in 2001. Seeing Galilee, the Jordan River, Jerusalem made real for her that the Bible is a story that occurred in real places! The topography, the importance of “Water is Life,” the distances, the size of Jerusalem, all shaped the drama of the stories that are as real today as they were two millennia ago. She will share about her trip to Galilee and the Jordan River on Feb 23.

“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) or Wendy Baldwin (317-319-0806 or wendy.baldwin@rci.com) for any questions or help with sign up.

Leap Day Game Night, Feb. 29, 5:30 - 8:00 PM - Everyone is invited to bring a friend to our GAME NIGHT at First Congregational. We will provide snacks, chili, and deserts. Please bring your own beverage for the evening. Childcare will be available but please either sign the sheet at the back of the church or email Bob: bobcook359@yahoo.com by Wednesday, February 26 if you need childcare. Join us anytime during the evening. Games begin at 5:30 and we will eat about 6:30.

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, and/or make a note of the change(s) on the master copy on the Narthex table, by Feb 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. 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 Peace Learning Center believes everyone can be a peacemaker. 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

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

Sunday, February 16	12:00 p.m.	Buzz & Pitch-In Lunch: Expanding Our Extravagant Welcome
Wednesday, February 19	6:30 p.m.	Calling Circle
Thursday, February 20	11:00 a.m.	Worship Design Team
Thursday, February 20	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, February 20	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 21	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night
Saturday, February 22	10:30 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 23	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, February 23	11:00 a.m.	Worship

First Congregational Lenten Immigration Journey

February 26: Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30pm

March 2 - March 20: Small Groups

April 5 - April 10 - Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

April 12 - Easter

Lenten Breakfast Series: "God's Open House"

Saturday Mornings at 8:30 am

*** March 7: "Peace in the Home"**

Zion UCC (Troy Avenue) - 8916 E Troy Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46239

*** March 14: "Justice in the Home"**

First Congregational UCC - 7171 N. Pennsylvania St, Indianapolis, IN 46240

*** March 21: "Renewal in the Home"**

St. John (Cumberland) - 11910 E Prospect St, Indianapolis, IN 46239

*** March 28: "Unity in the Home"**

No breakfast location - Please read Matthew 12:25 and reflect on the importance of unity in the home.

*** April 4: "God in the Home" (with Communion)**

Zion Evangelical UCC (Downtown) - 603 N New Jersey St, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Today's Scripture

Matthew 5:21-26 (NIV)

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a sister or brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.



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