



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 will be out of the office serving the wider church Tuesday-Thursday. Pastor Carol may be reached at (317)496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com. After Thursday, 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:

Steve Coomer, Worship Leader
Cassidy Hall & Rev. Shannon Abbott, Guest Preachers
Jesse Wittman, string bass

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.

MARCH 1, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Hymn Medley arr. Baker

INTROIT With Joyful Singing, Praise God F. Schubert

WELCOME and PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Coomer

Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

More food, more money, more power, more life!

“What could it hurt?” we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.

So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of “more”:

And to celebrate that we do not need “more”

when we have everything in Christ.

Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God’s Spirit,
which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

Thanks be to God!

*OPENING SONG # 433 In the Bulb There is a Flower *New Century Hymnal*

*THE PEACE

Share with those around you a sign of Christ’s peace. Please honor others’ physical boundaries: handshake or hug with permission, if arms folded over the heart, just a verbal greeting. Also, it is okay to remain seated and focus on inner peace.

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

ANTHEM Teach Me, O Lord T. Atwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; And I shall keep it unto the end.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

Steve Coomer

SERMON

“The Temptation of Privilege”

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
& Rev. Shannon Abbott

SONG #120

Dream God’s Dream

Sing Prayer and Praise

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 forever. Amen.

MESSAGE of the MISSION OF THE MONTH: One Great Hour of Sharing

INTERLUDE

Children from Your Vast Creation

Robb, Rowlands

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 #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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #345 Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs 1 & 2) *New Century Hymnal*

INVITATION (liturgy written by Rev. Michelle Torigian)

God be with you,

And also with you.

Open wide your hearts!

We open them up to God.

Let us give thanks for this time and space,

Giving praise to God for this meal we will share.

SHARING COMMUNION

All are welcome to the table of God's grace, 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 celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG #593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
& Rev. Shannon Abbott

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

With Joyful Singing, Go Forth

F. Schubert

POSTLUDE

Mazurka in F Major, Op. 68, No. 1

Chopin

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

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

Religion Seminar Series: Incarceration, Nationalism, and Religious Identity in China - March 3rd at 7:00pm, Shelton Auditorium at Butler University - The Chinese government has a troubled relationship with the nation's religious minorities. In this session, we will hear from experts on the persecution and mass incarceration of China's Buddhists, Christians, and Muslims.

UCC Southeast Association Invites You to Join us: Lenten Breakfast Series - "God's Open House" March 7, 8:30 a.m. - "Peace in the Home" at Zion UCC (Troy Avenue) - 8916 E Troy Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46239

Adult Class – Sunday, March 8, 9:45 a.m. – Black theology and Womanist theology with our Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall. We'll discuss what these theologies are, why they're important, and some of the key voices within these theological movements. After this, we'll then consider their importance for our lives individually and as a church.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday, March 8, 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch - Next Sunday, Pastor Sarah will host Rev. Daniel Meyers, director of the Center for Faith and Vocation at Butler University, as guest preacher. A graduate of Willamette University (Oregon) in Biochemistry and Religious Studies, Meyers earned a Master of Divinity at Yale Divinity School, was ordained in the United Church of Christ, and completed a two-year position as Earl Hall Religious Life Fellow in the Office of the University Chaplain at Columbia University. He has served in his current role at Butler University since June of 2015. Daniel supervises the program that partners with our church's Just Peace Internship. Please join us in welcoming him and hearing what he has to share with us. We will have a soup and bread lunch following worship.

Border Information and Vigil- March 10 at 6:30pm - Please join us at **Broadway United Methodist Church** for the second vigil in honor of Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez. For more information, contact Cyndi Alte at cdalte@aol.com

March Mission of the Month: One Great Hour of Sharing - This is one of the five special offerings of the UCC and provides support around the world for disaster relief and community restoration. In 2020, the UCC will use our offering to respond to international disasters, to assist refugees in the United States, and to help communities become more sustainable with programs that help people

to help themselves. This offering is our opportunity to share with the people of the world and be present when our love and support are most in need.

Pantry Items of the Month - During the month of March, we are collecting: spaghetti, rice, juices, peanut butter, and bar soap.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Wednesday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (library)
Thursday, March 5	1:00 p.m.	Men’s Lunch
Thursday, March 5	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 7	8:30 a.m.	Lenten Breakfast @ Zion (Troy Ave) UCC
Sunday, March 8	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class w/ Cassidy Hall
Sunday, March 8	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/ guest preacher, Rev. Daniel Meyers
Sunday, March 8	12:00 p.m.	Lunch w/ Rev. Daniel Meyers

First Congregational Lenten Immigration Journey

Through the season of Lent, we will explore, reflect, and pray about the biblical and contemporary theme of immigration. What does the Bible say about immigration? What is the Still Speaking God saying to the church today about immigration? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus in light of the complex realities at the US/Mexico border? Through community worship and small groups, everyone is invited on this Lenten immigration journey. Let’s see where this journey leads us.

- March 2 - March 20:** Small Groups
- April 5 - April 10** - Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
- April 12** - Easter

Lenten Small Groups

One of the ways we plan to gain a better understanding of immigration is through a small group study during Lent. These groups will discuss important elements of immigration as well as look at it from a Biblical lens. ***Sign up sheets are in the narthex.***

Group 1
Host - Susanna-Judith Rae
When - March 1st, 15th, and 28th from 12:30-2pm
Where – at church

Group 2

Host - Nancy Dickinson

When - March 4th, 18th, and April 1st from 10-11:30am

Where – at Nancy’s house

Group 3

Host - Alice Rutherford

When - March 2nd, 16th, 30th from 7-8:30pm

Where – at Alice’s house

Today’s Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11 (Inclusive Bible)

Then Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit, to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. ³Then the tempter approached and said, “If you are the Only Begotten, command these stones to turn to bread.” ⁴Jesus replied, “Scripture has it,

‘We do not live on bread alone,
but on every utterance that comes
from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Next the devil took Jesus to the holy city, set him on the parapet of the temple, ⁶and said, “If you are the Only Begotten, throw yourself down. Scripture has it,

‘God will tell the angels to take care of you;’
with their hands they will support you
that you may never stumble on a stone.’”

⁷Jesus answered, “Scripture also says, ‘Do not put God to the test.’”

⁸The devil then took Jesus up to a very high mountain and displayed all the dominions of the world in their magnificence, ⁹promising, “All these I will give you if you fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰At this, Jesus said to the devil, “Away with you, Satan! Scripture says,

‘You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.’”

¹¹At that the devil left, and angels came and attended Jesus.



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