



# 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**

<b>Monday</b> – Sabbath Day	<b>Monday</b> – Sabbath Day
<b>Tuesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Tuesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Thursday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<b>Friday</b> – Out of Office	<b>Friday</b> – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Pastoral Care:**

Pastor Sarah can be reached at (386) 478-9012 or at [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto: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  
Bell Choir Director, Bob Cook

**We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:**

Rich Gibson, Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk  
Jim Lootens, Treasurer  
George Meier, Financial Secretary

**We celebrate those serving in worship today:**

Marion Harcourt, Worship Leader  
Charles Manning, Guest Organist

APRIL 21, 2019

EASTER SUNDAY

11 A.M.

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

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

Headphones are available for those who may need assistance. Please see an usher.

## WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Flourish on "The Strife is O'er, the Battle One" F. Jackson

Alleluia

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

May God's grace and peace be with you.

**May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Marion Harcourt

\*OPENING SONG #233 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

\*UNISON PRAYER with MOMENT OF SILENCE for personal reflection

**Almighty and ever-living God,**

**We gather to marvel at the mystery of Christ's resurrection.**

**In boldness you exalted the humble, empowering the weak.**

**In strength you snatched victory from the jaws of death.**

**In love you declared the crucified One the savior of the world.**

**We celebrate this good news in an Easter festival of life.**

**With you and all the people of God we lift our voices in praise.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Risen One, we come before you with humble hearts confessing our need for your saving love. We ask for mending of the broken places, we ask for healing of what is wounded, we ask for hope where there is despair. God of mystery and grace, grant us your peace this Easter day we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND THE PEACE



## WE GO

\*CLOSING SONG

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

*The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Christ.*

*And he shall reign forever and ever.*

*King of kings and lord of lords.*

*Hallelujah!*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Charles-Marie Widor

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



## CALLS to SERVE

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

**Notice of Special Congregational Meeting – NEXT SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>** immediately following 11am worship. The purpose will be to fill the vacancy of the position of Vice Moderator. Lianna Campos has volunteered and is the approved candidate of the Church Council. Please join us and show your support to approve our new Vice Moderator. Thank you, Rich Gibson, Moderator

**Adult Class – Sunday, April 28, 9:45 a.m.** – Exploring Resurrection Part 2 - the Progressive Christian view. We view a video and discuss an article from Marcus Borg.

**TOMORROW! Sew Day for Days for Girls Service Project, April 22** - Sewers, cutters and workers needed for a church sew day on Monday, April 22nd from 9:30-noon in the Mayflower room. The Indiana/Kentucky UCC conference has challenged each member church to make 100 sets of kits that allow young women to attend school while they are menstruating. We are well underway, but now need workers. Bring your sewing machine, rotary cutters and mats, sewing shears, or just yourself and we will put you to work on this worthy project. Please let SueChapman ([carolsuech59@gmail.com](mailto:carolsuech59@gmail.com)) or Linda Lupton ([llupton@aol.com](mailto:llupton@aol.com)) know if you are available to help on this day or are able to work at home. **Also needed:** 22 more pairs of 100% cotton dark/bright color panties (girls 12/14 briefs), dark/brightly colored flannel (for pads – we are making 800 pads!), 50 more 100% cotton, dark/bright color wash cloths, and monetary donations to cover expenses for fabric/supplies. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of young women in developing nations.

**Dine Out for Life** is celebrating 25 years of raising funds for the Damien Center on Thursday, **April 25**. Please google "Dine Out for Life 2019, Indianapolis" for a list of restaurants that donate 25% or 50% of their food sales that day. Eat out for lunch, dinner or both for a good cause.

**Annual Spring Work Day – Saturday, April 27, 9:30-noon** - Please join us for fellowship and sweat equity on Saturday, 4/27, for our annual spring yard cleanup. There will be mulch to spread, weeds to pull, undergrowth to trim, and whatever else is needed to help spruce up our grounds. This is a great way to give to the church, share camaraderie, and have a great feeling of accomplishment. The more, the merrier, and we'll find a task for you, no matter

what your experience level is! Please bring your favorite outdoor work tools, especially gloves. Contact Wendy Baldwin if you are interested in coming.

**Ending Hunger—What's God Got to Do with It? April 29, 7-8:30 p.m. at North United Methodist Church** - At this Bread for the World event, Rev. Dick Hamm explores how hunger advocates can help our elected officials understand how policies and priorities can help end hunger and also explores the Biblical basis for advocacy. Check-in is from 6:45 -7:00 p.m. The event is free. Please register so they know how many to expect at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/changing-the-systems-whats-god-got-to-do-with-it-tickets-59889096901>

**Poems & Stories** - The Mental Health Team is collecting poems and stories from you on the topic of "LGBTQ and Mental Health" through May 19. Booklets will be assembled to give to visitors to our booth at the PRIDE Festival. Entries may be emailed to Brandi Pudlo: [bt pudlo@knox.edu](mailto:bt pudlo@knox.edu). If you would like to send a draft for proof-reading before a final copy is printed, please send an email with the draft by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The 1857 Society's first Annual Meeting** will be held at noon on **Friday May 3** at Marquette Manor. We'll be treated to a delicious lunch followed by an inspirational talk by William Enright. The event is complimentary, and open to all who have already committed to membership as well as to others who are considering taking the step. Reservations for the meeting are needed by April 26 and are made by calling Shannon at 317-257-5397 or emailing her at: [shannon@fcindy.org](mailto:shannon@fcindy.org). We hope you will join us. Should you decide to join, Commitment forms are on the bulletin board by the Garden door.

**Green Team Tip** – Try taking a Navy (also known as European or Asian) shower! Wet yourself down, turn off the water and lather up, then turn the water back on to rinse off. It's just like leaving the water running while brushing your teeth—why waste what you're not using? (This week's Green Tip is from Sandy Wood. If you want to share a green habit, please send it to [hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com](mailto:hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com).)

**Dress for Success** - Spring Cleaning? Have gently used professional clothes you are no longer wearing? Dress for Success can give them to women who can't afford interview clothes to help them be better prepared when job hunting. Put donations in the cloakroom by the sign. Thanks!

**April Mission of the Month: Exodus Refugee** - Exodus Refugee helps resettle refugees who come to this country legally by meeting basic needs, and also provide services including social and medical services, English language training, and employment services in order to achieve self-sufficiency in their new home. With the cuts and changes in US immigration policy, there has been a severe cut in funding, but legal refugees continue to arrive. We ask that you give generously to support their important work that answers God's commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Change and dollar bills in the offering plate will be designated for the mission of the month. Larger bills should be put in the "mission offering" envelopes in the pew and put in the offering plate. Checks should have Exodus marked in the memo line and made out to the church. We appreciate your help. Thank you for your support.

**Pantry Items of the Month** - During April we are collecting the following items: canned ravioli, cereal, soup, pasta and deodorant.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

<b>Monday, April 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Days for Girls Sew Day
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Foundation Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Mindful Movement
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Mental Health Team Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Calling Circle
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	Women's Lunch
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Summer Series Planning Meeting
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Green Congregations Meeting
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Annual Spring Work Day
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Sunday Adult Class
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Worship
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	Congregational Meeting
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Worship & Faith Meeting





**Easter Flowers have been donated by**

In remembrance of Annabel and Grover Hartman and Bill Reuter  
Aurelia Hoft-March  
In honor of John and Eilene Hoft-March, Shirley Hoft  
In remembrance of Margaret March, Bill Hoft and Robert Schuler

and Konny Gwin

Susan Horst and Patty DeWitt  
and Family  
In remembrance of Carolyn Horst

Charles Kiphart  
In remembrance of Laura and Kenneth Kiphart and Pearl Johnson

er and Jane A. Oyler

Ceil Larson  
In remembrance of my husband, Don Larson and my sister, Elsie Larson

George Meier  
In remembrance of Gary Collins and Gun Violence Victims

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Steve and Nancy Sachs

Carol Sowle  
In remembrance of Michael Sowle and Roberta Sowle

Mary J. Brown

Sarah Rothe Whitfield  
In remembrance of my father, Carl Rothe

Sandra Wood  
In honor of Laura and Tony Ginn

Tami Zimmerman  
In remembrance of Warren Lund



***To the parents of our young children***

el you have to suppress it in God's house. You are invited toward the front using the Playground if you like. Keep children service, actions of the pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Sing, pray, and speak the responses; children learn worship welcome children in church directly affects how they respond to the Church and to one another. Let all ages know that they are 'Let the children come to me.'

***To the members of our congregation***

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 ents with a warm smile.

***Thank you.***



### Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

At dawn, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to tell the disciples whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>After she said this, she went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>5</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>7</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, went in. He saw and believed; <sup>8</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>9</sup>Then the disciples returned to their

homes. <sup>10</sup>But Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. <sup>11</sup>As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will go and get him." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not weep, but weep no more. Behold, your brothers and I are going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.



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