



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**. We invite guests to fill out a connect card in the pew holder and place it in the offering plate.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours

Shannon's Office Hours

Monday – Sabbath Day	Monday – Sabbath Day
Tuesday – family leave	Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday – family leave	Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – family leave	Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – family leave	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care:

While Pastor Sarah is away on family leave this week, Pastor Carol can be reached at (317)496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com.

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

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:

Rev. Lawrence Richardson, guest preacher
Bob Cook, History & Litany of PRIDE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-16

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SERMON

By Faith They Paved The Way—and Now We Celebrate!

Rev. Lawrence
Richardson

A History of PRIDE- 50 Years

Bob Cook

LITANY of Inclusion, Equality, and PRIDE

(Please respond in unison the words printed in bold.)

Leader: Today is a day to celebrate the inclusion of all. A day when we celebrate unity in the Body of Christ. A day when we remember that we are all different, but different does not mean deficient. It simply means different and we belong together because we belong to God.

Congregational Response:

We know we're all God's children.

Give us the strength to move forward and become true champions of unity and peace. Guide us to address and transform the inequalities that we witness in health care, housing and employment. Help us not be silent. Fill our voices with compassion for all your children.

**We're God's next of kin;
that's the way it began.**

Gracious God, you love and celebrate the diversity of all your creation. Let us celebrate and demonstrate through our worship and daily behaviors that there is strength in inclusion and equality, there is peace in inclusion and equality and there is love in inclusion and equality.

**No matter where you're going or where you've been,
we're family as one in God's plan.**

SONG #158 (songbook)

People Rise Up

WE RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Our Father or Our Mother or Our Creator or Our Sacred Presence, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day

our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

I Need You to Survive

D. Frazier

*DOXOLOGY (778) and OFFERING PRAYER

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

INVITATION and SHARING COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

All are welcome to the table, 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 GO

*SONG #76 (songbook)

There Is Room For All

*BENEDICTION

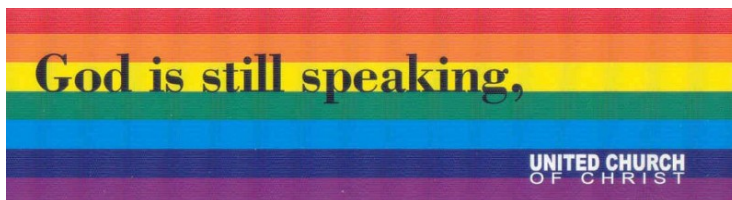
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CLOSING MUSIC

True Colors

Steinberg, Kelly

We invite those who wish to do so, to join in a circle around the sanctuary during the closing music. Whether seated or standing, you are invited to listen and absorb the music quietly. All are invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.



CALLS to SERVE

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

Adult Class – Sunday, June 9, 9:45 a.m. – will discuss Bread for the World and letter writing campaign.

TODAY!!! Picnic Pitch-In – After church join us for food and fellowship!

Time to Sign Up for PRIDE - Saturday, June 8 - There are sign up sheets in the vestibule for activities at Indy's PRIDE celebration. Please indicate as you are able to participate.

* UCC Parade participants from multiple UCC churches may meet at First Congregational for a light breakfast buffet about 8 am.

* We can carpool from FCC to downtown to ease parking. People might want to organize as those only doing the parade and those who'd like to stay at least for part of the festival.

* Parade: Usually involves time between 9:30 am - 11:30 and walking about 2 miles. We are looking at carpooling from the church to enable ease of parking.

* Festival Booth: Reserve a two hour time slot between noon and 6 pm. We hope to have 2 -3 members in the booth during these times.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Sale, Saturday June 15, 9am – 2pm: Plan now to bring your useful (but now useless to you) items to sell. As in the past, 6-foot tables are \$10; longer 8-foot ones are \$12 this year. You set up, sell, keep the income, and clean up. See more details in the Epistle and upcoming Colony. Questions?? Inquiries to any Green Team member: Katie Booth, Nancy Dickinson, Rich Gibson, Bill Gillette, Ann Leatherman, Paul Terheide

Green Team Tip – Traveling? Lighten your luggage: easier on you and on gas. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

June Mission of the Month: Damien Center - Founded in 1987, the Damien Center is the oldest and largest organization in Indiana addressing the health needs of individuals with HIV. Currently the Damien Center serves over 4,000 individuals affected by HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive and innovative approach to HIV care and prevention. Even though we hear of the many achievements in medications used to treat HIV here are a couple statistics to keep in mind. In the general population, 1 out of every 6 persons infected with HIV does not know it. 51% of youth between 13 – 24 who are living with HIV, have never been tested. Let's help keep HIV testing and education accessible to Central Indiana through our support of the Damien Center.

Pantry Items of the Month - During June we are collecting the following items: pudding mix, jello, canned vegetables, soup and toothpaste.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, June 2	12:15 p.m.	Picnic Pitch-in
Tuesday, June 4	10:00 a.m.	Witness & Welcome
Tuesday, June 4	3:30 p.m.	Care & Connections
Wednesday, June 5	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, June 6	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, June 8	8:00 a.m.	Pride Breakfast & Carpool to Parade
Sunday, June 9	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, June 9	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Pentecost

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.

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.⁵ By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God."⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.⁷ By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



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