



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
Monday – vacation	Monday – Sabbath
Tuesday – vacation	Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday – vacation	Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – vacation	Thursday – 9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – vacation	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care:

While Pastor Sarah is on vacation through July 26, Pastor Carol may 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. Worth Hartman, Worship Leader
Marion Harcourt, Liturgist
Bob Cook & Bell Choir
Sally McSpadden, Group Sing Leader

JULY 21, 2019

HYMN SING SUNDAY

11 A.M.

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

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

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Worth Hartman

*CALL to WORSHIP (from Hymn # 561)

Marion Harcourt

When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for pride

It is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia!

How often making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound

As worship moved us to a more profound, Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise

And may God give us faith to sing always, Alleluia!

WE PROCLAIM

* CELEBRATION OF SONG

Bob Cook

Hymn #11

Bring Many Names

New Century Hymnal

Group Sing

Sally McSpadden

Congregational Choices

THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Savior of Love

Buckwalter

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 100

Marion Harcourt

Psalm 100

Response
Unison

Antiphon: Peter Niedmann, 1994

It is God that made us, and we are God's people.

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¹Make a joyful noise to God,
all the earth.

²Worship God with gladness; come
into God's presence with singing.

³Know that the Sovereign is God. It
is God that made us,
and we are God's; we are God's
people, and the sheep of God's
pasture.

⁴Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and enter God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God, and bless
God's name.

⁵For God is good; God's steadfast love
endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all
generations. *R*

(May be sung with double tone.)

CELEBRATION OF SONG

Hymn # 136

Congregational Choices

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

Bob Cook

New Century Hymnal

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. In the power and presence of God we share your joy/prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER SOLO

Julie Houston

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

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. Place connect cards in offering plates.

OFFERTORY HYMN # 562

Take My Gifts

New Century Hymnal

WE GO

*CELEBRATION OF SONG

Bob Cook

HYMN # 438

It is Well with My Soul

New Century Hymnal

Group Sing

Sally McSpadden

Congregational Choices

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Worth Hartman

POSTLUDE

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

We introduce to our congregation today Sally McSpadden who has been leading Community Singing practices at our church over the summer. Sally is a music teacher at Orchard School, a co-founder of Justice Choir-Indianapolis and a member of Indianapolis Women's Chorus.



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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Thursday, July 25	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, July 25	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, July 25	6:00 p.m.	Community Singing
Sunday, July 28	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, July 28	11:00 a.m.	Worship

CALLS to SERVE

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

Adult Class – Sunday, July 28, 9:45 a.m. – will continue to read and discuss "Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism."

Thinking of making First Congregational your new church home? Join us in welcoming new members on August 4. Contact Pastor Sarah pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

Family Promise Clothing Drive in August - For those of you used to spring and fall clothing drives, this year Family Promise is just doing one in August. So we will not be doing a big push this year. Bring clothing donations to the church in in tall white trash bags that are securely tied.

FCC Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walk, Sunday, August 11 - FCC Spiritual Explorers will walk the labyrinth at St. Peter's UCC church after worship on Sunday, August 11. All are welcome! Please stay tuned for more details in future communications.

Green Team Tip – Try to find a good fresh vegetable and fruit stand to eat local produce. It helps our local farmers and tastes better too. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

July Mission of the Month: Underneath It All

This mission provides underwear and school uniforms for children in IHN/Family Promise Aftercare. The Aftercare Program of Family Promise/IHN helps homeless families who get housing remain housed. You can help in any of the ways listed below.

- 1) Buy underwear/socks/undershirts/underpants in any size from child size 4 to adult Large - boys or girls. Put in the white laundry baskets during July.
- 2) Donate new or gently used pants, shirts, skirts, or jumpers-all sizes from child size 4 to adult. Shirts must have collars and can be any solid color, without decoration or logo. Pants, skirts, or jumpers must be a solid color (tan, navy or black) with no decoration.
- 3) Donate \$ in July to buy uniforms or underwear in- change, dollar bills and checks designated Underneath It All in the memo line will help. We will buy clothes with the money donated.

With the year-round school calendar, school starts again in early Aug for many schools, so new uniforms will be needed soon. Past donations have provided each child in the Aftercare Program at least 1 full new uniform including underwear and socks. This is much appreciated by the families and Family Promise, so please continue to be generous.

Pantry Items of the Month - During July we are collecting the following items: juice, pasta, canned meat, pancake mix, shampoo and conditioner.

Flower Calendar - The 2019 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board by the garden doors. Flowers can be for any occasion, and can come from the store, florist, or from your garden. The cost is \$25.00 from our florist. Any questions, please email Sally Coombs at sallysews73@gmail.com or call 317-446-2853. You can also let Shannon Abbott know the occasion at shannon@fcindy.org or call the church office at 317-257-5397.

When the alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34



In a world becoming increasingly globalized, more people are leaving their homelands to seek better lives and opportunities in new countries. Their reasons for leaving are diverse and complex: economic necessity, war, or persecution. The U.S. has long been a nation of immigrants and we have consistently been conflicted about this. We gratefully welcome immigrants and their contributions, and we exclude

them, discriminate against them and, at times, inflict grave harm upon them.

As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors. The Bible is unambiguous in calling us to welcome aliens and strangers in our land, and to love them as we love ourselves. In these times, let us listen to the voice of the still-speaking God. We will learn how to respond to these new sisters and brothers residing among us.

(from www.ucc.org/justice_immigration)



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