



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 – Sabbath	Monday – Sabbath
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – working off site	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or at 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
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, Grace Langford

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:

Clark Collier, Worship Leader

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

11 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	This Is God's Day	Trad., S. Baker
INTROIT	The Lone Wild Bird	Arr Paul Hamill
WELCOME and PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP Clark Collier

This is the day that God has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

O come, let us lift our hearts to God

We lift our hearts to God

May our worship bring us closer to God and one another

God, fill us with your Love

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

*THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM	All Creatures of Our God and King	E. T. Chapman
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All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise God, Alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong.

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise God, Alleluia.

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice.

Ye lights of evening find a voice. O praise God, Alleluia.

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright;
That givest us both warmth and light, O praise God, Alleluia.*

SCRIPTURE	Exodus 32:7-14	Clark Collier
SERMON	Ecological Justice and God-talk	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #237	I Come to the Garden Alone	<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 & LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand version)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In time of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

ORGAN(IC) INTERLUDE	Our Christ Ascends	T. Kendall
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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.

*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.

WE GO

*CLOSING SONG #4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lone Wild Bird

Arr Paul Hamill

POSTLUDE

Petite Toccata

J. Kimbal

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

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.

CALLS to SERVE

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

Adult Class – Sunday, September 22, 9:45 a.m.

Adult Ed. Time on the IndyGo Red Line, Sunday, September 29

*9:00 AM Meet at the Redline Platform, 66th Street and North College (parking on access street west side of College at 66th St.) *9:17 to 9:44 ride to 18th Street and North Meridian Street platform. *9:59 to 10:30 return trip to 66th Street and North College and on to 11:00 AM Worship at FCC. We can talk, sing, pray witnessing to our just peace, green values and celebrating a leap forward in our cities public transit. Wear FCC tee shirts, buttons, bring signs, banners. And it's free!

Thinking about making First Congregational your church home? We would love to welcome you into membership. We are planning our next New Member Sunday, so let Pastor Sarah know if you are interested or have questions.

Choir Rehearsals – Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We welcome new members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please email Julie at juliehouston@comcast.net. We would love to have you join us!

In Harmony: a community singing group, Thursday Sept 19, 6:30-7:30pm (sanctuary) - "In Harmony" is a non-auditioned, non-performing, intergenerational singing group for ALL voices. It will meet twice a month on Thursdays, from 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Mayflower Room. The dates are 9/19 (sanctuary), 10/3, 10/17, 11/7, and 11/21. A small fee will apply, with the bulk going to support First Congregational. This group will include people from outside our church, and is also open to anyone in our church family. For general questions, contact Wendy Baldwin or Bob Cook.

Friday Night at the Movies, 9/20, 6:30ish - Join us on the third Friday of each month at 6:30ish at Keystone Art Cinema in the Fashion Mall at Keystone. We'll 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 Karen Walker or Alice Rutherford.

Around a Table - Would you like to build connections with other members outside of worship? Those interested will be placed in groups to get together for meals or snacks over a 4 month period. We will then repeat with new sign ups and new groups! If interested, please complete the enclosed sign up sheet and return it to church (basket in the narthex) by September 22. Please contact Karen Walker (317-319-8950 or Karen.e.d.walker@gmail.com) for any questions or help with sign up.

September Buzz: Witness to the Southern US Border, Sunday, September 22, 12:30 p.m.

Witness can take many forms and for this event, Jill Olinger, member of St. Peter's UCC in Carmel, and President of the Indiana Kentucky Conference, will share stories of a personal journey of more than 10,000 miles and taken over 10 weeks in early 2019 along the US/Mexico border. The stories will be shared and conversation will be guided based on the UCC's 3 Great Loves: Love of Children, Love of Neighbor, and Love of Creation.

Festival of Faiths - Please sign up if you can work for an hour in our booth during the Festival of Faiths on Sunday, Sept. 22 from 1-5 p.m. The festival is held in Veterans' Park (corner of Michigan and Meridian Streets). This year's theme is Celebrating Religious Diversity. See Bob Cook for more information.

CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk, Sunday October 6th - Let's continue to HELP END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME by being a walker, sponsoring a walker, donating through church at www.crophunger.org/walk.org/Indianapolisin/FCindy or by check payable to CWS/CROP. Additional information at the CROP WALK table in the narthex or see Sally Coombs, sallysews73@gmail.com or call 317-446-2853.

FC's Got Talent - Due to several schedule conflicts, FC's Got Talent has been postponed. Thanks.

Green Team Tip – This week's tip comes from susanna-judith rae: To avoid wasting food, consider designating a "use soon" area of your refrigerator to circumvent our human tendency to buy food that we intend to eat, yet throw away. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

September Mission of the Month: Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light

HIPL is an interfaith organization dedicated to advocating for sustainable living and changes to protect God's creation of life on this earth, both human and others. Its mission is to educate congregations on sustainable living practices that will reduce our carbon footprint, and promote the use of renewable energy resources. They were instrumental in helping us start and maintain the study and work process that has led to our efforts to decrease our church's carbon foot print with changes to our lighting and now the installation of a photovoltaic system that will allow the church to capture part of its energy from a renewable source. The organization is funded primarily from contributions from its member congregations. Please support them with the September Mission of the Month.

Pantry Items of the Month – During September we are collecting the following items: bread, baking mixes, canned vegetables, and deodorant.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, September 15	12:15 p.m.	Outreach & Service
Tuesday, September 17	1:30 p.m.	Circle IV Book Club
Thursday, September 19	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, September 19	6:00 p.m.	In Harmony (Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 19	6:30 p.m.	Bread for the World Dinner (MF Rm)
Thursday, September 19	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 20	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night at the Movies (Keystone Art Cinema)
Sunday, September 22	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, September 22	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Just Peace Sunday
Sunday, September 22	12:30 p.m.	Buzz: Witness to the Southern Border
Sunday, September 22	1:00 p.m.	Festival of Faiths

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And God changed God's mind about the disaster that God planned to bring on God's people.



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