



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: 9am – 12pm
Wednesday: 9am – 12pm
Thursday: 9am – 12pm
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 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 Beeman, Nursery Attendant
Jess Tyler, Nursery Attendant

We celebrate our church leadership:

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

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Rev. Elizabeth Price, Worship Leader
Michael Beck, percussion
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 Prayground 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.

JANUARY 19, 2019

11 A.M.

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

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	We Shall Overcome	African American Spiritual
INTROIT	Light of the World	K. Crawford
WELCOME and PRAYER		Pastor Sarah Lund
*CALL to WORSHIP		Rev. Elizabeth Price
God invites us here to be blessed		
Open our minds for blessing		
The Spirit invites us here for comforting		
Open our spirits for comforting		
Jesus invites us here for community		
Open our hearts for community		
*OPENING HYMN #459	Come, O Fount of Every Blessing	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
*THE PEACE		

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

ANTHEM	Shed A Little Light	James Taylor, Arr. Greg Jasperse
<i>Let us turn our thoughts today to Martin Luther King</i>		
<i>And recognize that there are ties between us.</i>		
<i>All men and women living on the earth,</i>		
<i>Ties of hope and love of sister and brotherhood.</i>		
<i>That we are bound together in our desire to see the world become</i>		
<i>A place in which our children can grow free and strong.</i>		
<i>We are bound together by the task that stands before us</i>		
<i>And the road that lies ahead. We are bound and we are bound.</i>		
 <i>There is a feeling like the clenching of a fist.</i>		
<i>There is a hunger in the center of the chest.</i>		

*There is a passage through the darkness and the mist.
And though the body sleeps, the heart will never rest.*

*Shed a little light, oh Lord, so that we can see. Just a little light.
Wanna stand it on up, wanna walk it on down.*

*Can't get no light from the dollar bill.
Don't give me no light from a T.V. screen.
When I open my eyes, I wanna drink my fill from the well on the hill.*

*There is a feeling like the clenching of a fist.
There is a hunger in the center of the chest.
There is a passage through the darkness and the mist.
And though the body sleeps, the heart will never rest.
Shed a little light, oh Lord, so that we can see. Just a little light.*

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 40:1-12	Rev. Elizabeth Price
SERMON	"Fight for the Powerless"	Pastor Sarah Lund
HYMN #448	Take My Life, God, Let it Be	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

WE RESPOND

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY WITH REV. WORTH HARTMAN

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 & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us. Do not let us enter into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INTERLUDE	Blessed Relief	F. Zappa
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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

To you O God we here do raise
our song and gifts of thankful praise.
The Christmas Child protect from harm,
and keep all children safe and warm.

WE GO

*CLOSING HYMN #439

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Change the World

Kennedy, Sims, Kirkpatrick

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

Nursery Care - Life is thriving in our Playground, and we are expanding our ministry offerings to our young ones by opening up the Nursery! We welcome our new nursery attendants, Olivia and Jess, who will be with us Sundays from 10:30-12:30 to care for our children. We need volunteers to join! If you are interested in being a volunteer in the nursery, please contact Lianna Campos at lcampos33@gmail.com or 317-954-1601. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Adult Class – Sunday, January 19, 9:45 a.m. - In January, Adult Ed will study "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture; Walter Brueggemann on Confronting Today's 'Pharaohs'." Jan 26 - "The Shrill Rhetoric that Breaks Denial."

Annual Meeting, NEXT SUNDAY, January 26 (after worship) - It's amazing! It's wonderful! It's the highlight of the church (governance) year! It's the Annual Meeting, after services on Sunday, January 26! Come one, come all: Members, visitors with a hankering to see how a congregation does business, anyone, everyone! Bring a dish for the pitch-in lunch, and don't worry about what to do with the kids. We'll have the nursery workers staying through the meeting so you have options galore!

Board Retreat – Saturday, February 8 - The newly elected Boards will meet in the Mayflower Room on Saturday morning, February 8th, from 9:00am - 12:00pm. New members will get indoctrination and training in Board activities and responsibilities. The Boards will elect their officers; e.g., Chair, Board representative, and secretary/recorder.

Green Team Tip - Plan ahead and thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator instead of on the counter or microwave.

January Mission of the Month: Indiana Youth Group (IYG) - In 1987 the Indiana Youth Group was founded by two volunteers in order to provide a safe space for social gatherings for self-identified LGBTQ+ high schoolers. IYG has grown from a group of about a dozen youth to a social service agency providing resources for almost 1,000 youth and their families. Our donations to IYG help assure that the mission of IYG will expand throughout Indiana and act as a witness to FCC's ONA commitments.

Pantry Items of the Month - During the month of January, we are collecting: noodles, muffin mix, cereal, shampoo

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, January 19	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Faith
Sunday, January 19	6:00 p.m.	Christian Unity Worship @ Zion Evangelical UCC (N. NJ St)
Thursday, January 23	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, January 23	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, January 23	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 26	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, January 26	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, January 26	12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting

Today's Scripture (Inclusive Bible)

Psalm 40:1-12

¹ Unyielding, I called to you, YHWH, now at last you have stooped to me and answered my cry for help.

² You have pulled me out of the Pit of Destruction, out of its mud and quicksand; you set my feet on a rock and made my steps firm.

³ You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to you.

Many will look on in wonder and so will put their trust in you.

⁴ Happiness comes to those who put their trust in YHWH, instead of in human egos or people blind to the truth!

⁵ How many wonders you've worked for us, YHWH, my God!

How many plans you've made of us; you have no equal!

I want to recount them again and again, but their number is too great.

⁶ You don't desire sacrifice or oblation, instead you made my ears receptive to you; you asked no burnt offering or sacrifice for sins from me.

⁷ And so I declared, "Here I am! I have come!"

⁸ In the scroll of the book it is written about me."

I desire to do your will, my God, and your law is written in my heart.

⁹ I'll proclaim your justice in the Great Assembly,

And I won't keep my mouth shut, as you well know.

¹⁰ I have never kept your generosity to myself, but announced your faithfulness and saving action; I have made no secret of your love and faithfulness in the Great Assembly.

¹¹ For your part, YHWH, don't withhold your love from me!
Let your kindness and faithfulness constantly protect me!
¹² Misfortunes surround me, far more than I can count;
my sins entrap me and I am unable to escape.
They outnumber the hairs on my head, and my courage is drained.



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