



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 Day	Monday – Sabbath Day
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 can 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

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:

Nancy Dickinson, Worship Leader
The Mayflower Quartette (Julie Houston, Alice Rutherford, Jim Lootens, Sean Baker)

The flowers on the altar are from Sue Chapman in memory of her father, W. Alling Chapman.

AUGUST 4, 2019

NEW MEMBER 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

Meditation on Psalm 42:1

D. Wagner

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL to WORSHIP

Nancy Dickinson

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, we praise You.

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, we give thanks.

God of the hungry, God of the sick, we hope for justice.

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, we desire peace.

God of the ages and God near at hand, we worship You.

*OPENING SONG # 35

No Matter

Sing! Prayer and Praise

*THE PEACE

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

We believe that we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. By this we mean that: Propelled by God's grace we strive to welcome and love everyone! Seeking to hear God's voice in today's world; we worship, learn, and grow in faith individually and as a community. Responding to God's call for compassion, justice and care of the earth, we equip and empower each other to make a difference in our lives and in the world!

Please join with me in making a covenant with the church:

I covenant with God and one another to serve God with faithfulness; treat one another with acceptance, love, and compassion; bear witness to the world with love; and live our faith humbly, yet boldly. Amen!

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Joseph Scriven, arr. S. Baker

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-11

Nancy Dickinson

SERMON

“The Universal Christ”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG # 32

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale (vs 1-3) *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

Our God in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kindom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.

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.

*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.

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! We plan to meet at St. Peter's at 1:00pm.

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 tall white trash bags that are securely tied.

Dear Friends of Exodus Refugee Services - Trump administration officials are considering the unprecedented step of shutting down refugee resettlement in 2020. After already setting the lowest goal in the program's history - only 30,000 refugees in 2019 - some officials have proposed admitting ZERO. Cutting the program further at a time when record numbers of people are fleeing for their lives is unjustifiable. Even as we fight this cruel proposal to decimate the US refugee resettlement program, Exodus continues to serve the many refugees who already call Indianapolis home. We are committed, we are prepared, and [with your help](#) we will keep making Indianapolis a haven of freedom and safety for all. CALL YOUR SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVE TODAY: Call 202-224-3121 to be connected to your 2 Senators and 1 Representative.

Green Team Tip – Avoid chemical fertilizers on lawn and garden. Avoid bug sprays because our bees are dying. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

August Mission of the Month: CEPAD (The Council of Christian Churches in Nicaragua)

CEPAD helps Nicaraguans in rural communities escape from cycles of poverty and hunger. Women and the elderly are among the most disadvantaged. Pastors receive training to help their communities recover from emotional and physical trauma suffered in their communities this last year. First Congregational Church members participate in the program for those who wish to send delegations and form partnerships to help local communities. Your contributions will aid CEPAD's work.

Pantry Items of the Month - During August we are collecting the following items: canned peaches and pears, canned beans, ramen noodles and white bathroom tissue.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, August 4	12:30 p.m.	Just Peace Meeting
Wednesday, August 7	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Thursday, August 8	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Saturday, August 10	10:30 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, August 11	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, August 11	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, August 11	12:15 p.m.	Worship & Faith Meeting
Sunday, August 11	1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walk @ St. Peter's UCC

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)

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!



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