



a just world for all

February 23, 2020

First Congregational
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
An Open and Affirming Congregation

10:00 a.m.



Order of Worship

Transfiguration

February 23, 2020

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Ring the Bell/ Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Dialogue

L. Clerambault

* Call to Worship

Take Me to the Border

(sung)

Take me to the border, take me to the border, take me to the border

Damned and despised

Take me to the border, take me to the border, take me to the border

To be baptized

Prayer of Confession

(unison, adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2020)

Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory

in the work of your church,

in the faces of loved ones,

in the faces of migrants,

of exiles, of travelers, of seekers,

and in the life of Jesus Christ.

Yet our memories are short

and our distance from suffering is sometimes great.

and we forget that you are presence here with us

and there with those who wander and seek.

Forgive us when we descend from life's mountaintops

and forget our own travels and the faces we've beheld.

Teach us to wander always on your path and listen for your call.

Amen.

Words of Assurance/The Savior's Prayer

(on screen, from UCC Book of Worship)

Statement of Witness

Lois McEntarfer

* Hymn No. 453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Storytime for All Ages

Michelle Olson

Following Storytime, youth go downstairs to Sunday school or remain in worship; the childcare room in the main hallway is available for children age 5 and younger.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

(with prayer beads and worry stones)

* Hymn (insert)

Leaning In

Christopher Grundy

Statement of Witness

Bruce Andres

Invitation/Sharing of Gifts

Offertory

Andante

J. Stanley

* Doxology

(unison, sung)

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,

may we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.

Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.

Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!

* Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12–18 and Matthew 17:1–9

One: This is our sacred story.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message of Hope

“Pitching in with God”

Rev. Nikki Shaw

A Moment for Silent Reflection

* Hymn (insert)

Walls Mark Our Boundr'ies

Ruth Duck

Statement of Witness

Lynn Simons

* Benediction

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At the end of the sung Benediction, please continue downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for the conclusion of the border trip immersive experience.



Mission Opportunities

Cahoots Teen Coffee House - This coffeehouse is located at 218 W. Maumee St. and provides a safe place for youth to "hang out" and fill their time with fun and healthy activities. On the weekend, Cahoots hosts a free open-mic night to all musicians, unless they've scheduled a concert featuring touring musicians! Cahoots has a full line of coffee beverages, lunch and snacks. Volunteers from our church include: Marj Lilley, board member; and Lauralee MacLeod and Mark Elliott, mentoring program. Come grab a cup of coffee or visit cahootscoffeecafe.com for more information!

Mason House of Hope - The site of the CHOICE Program, which offers post-high school training to special-needs young adults through the Northeast Special Education Co-Op.

Faith Community Health Clinic - Open on the first, third and fourth Wednesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m., this community clinic is located at Holy Family Episcopal Church. The clinic's director is our own Dr. Teresa Smith, supported by many volunteers from our church and others. The clinic offers medical care to those who are uninsured in our community.



Getting Started at FCUCC

Pastor Nikki will be organizing covenant classes for interested new members and those who have been attending regularly, but would like to make a covenant statement of commitment to FCUCC. If you are interested in learning more about the history of the UCC, the history of First Congregational Church, the mission and outreach we engage in, and making a covenant relationship with this church, call the office or email Pastor Nikki at PastorNikki@angolaucc.org.

At FCUCC, we are blessed when our congregants take public vows to join in the work of this church. While you do not have to become a member in order to participate and engage with us, Christians throughout history have recognized the importance of making a covenant with God and each other.



Opportunity to Donate to FCUCC Now!

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to donate via PayPal.



Android phones may need a free QR code reader app from the Google Play store.

There is also a donate button on our website: angolaucc.org

iPhones have a QR code reader in the built-in Wallet app.

Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC), a progressive Christian community sharing the love of God and seeking to serve the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ! First time worshippers are encouraged to pick up a **"Please Return"** packet which can be found on the Information Table at the east entrance to the sanctuary and in the vestibule of the main entrance. Greeters are available to assist as needed.

Please, after worship join us downstairs for refreshments and conversation!

Questions about FCUCC? Visit our website at AngolaUCC.org or our Facebook page. You can email the church office via info@angolaucc.org. Pastor Nikki is on site on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and available via PastorNikki@angolaucc.org. Or you can call the church at 260-665-9362.

Children and FCUCC: A childcare room is available on Sundays for children age 5 and under. It is located on the main hallway of the church's educational wing. **Activity bags** for children to use during worship are located at the Information Table.

Today at FCUCC

Those participating in this morning's service include: liturgist, **John French**; greeters, **Marj Stoudinger and Jennifer Decker**; youth storytime, **Michelle Olson**; usher, **Jim Harris**; offering counter; **Gary VandenElst**; music, by our **Bell Choir**; pianist, **Phil Zimmerman**; chancel choir under the direction of **Sara Mowrey**, choral music director; and our Pastor, **Nikki Shaw**.

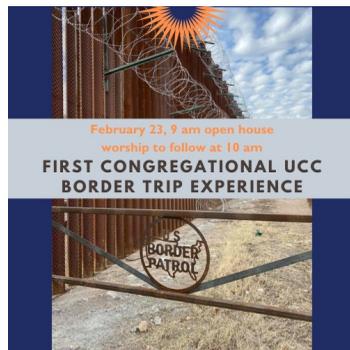
- Thanks to **the Arizona Group** for preparing this morning's refreshments.
- The **childcare room** is available today, for children five and below, down the main hallway; children are also welcome to stay in worship. There are **activity bags** for children to use during worship located in the entrance to the sanctuary.

Basket Offering



Our Basket Offering this week will go to **Adopt-a-Bill** which provides for members in need. Toss your dollars in the baskets, which are located at the exits of the sanctuary. Thanks!

Border Trip Experience



On February 23rd at 9 am come hear from our congregants who recently travelled to the US southern border in Arizona for the Common Ground on the Border event. They are bringing back their stories and experiences and ways to help to share with all who are interested. You are also invited to stay for worship at 10 am, where we will continue to hold up the stories of these migrants.

Church Refreshments 2020

We have posted the refreshment groups in the kitchen, the fellowship hall, and outside the sanctuary on the bulletin board, so that you will know when your group is up for bringing food to share for fellowship. You can also call the office for more information.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

We will have Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm on February 26. We invite you to join us for this Taize candlelight service for the imposition of ashes and a moment to collect ourselves in prayer as Lent begins. Each week following the Ash Wednesday service, we'll have more time for contemplative worship and prayer each *Thursday* from 7 pm to 8 pm. Look for more information on our Lenten worship practices soon.

Our Mission Statement

First Congregational United Church of Christ, as an inclusive and caring Christian community, welcomes into its full life and ministry persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, criminal history and faith background, as we serve those within our church family, the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate each person's uniqueness and look forward to the gifts they bring to us.



This Week at FCUCC: February 23 - March 1

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Border Trip Immersion Experience Worship Youth Sunday School Coffee Hour - Arizona Gp hosting Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Sanctuary Classrooms Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
M-F	8:00 a.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12 noon 7:30 p.m.	Soup & Scripture AA/AI-Anon	Cahoots Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	No-Book Book Club Bell Choir Chancel Choir Ash Wednesday Service Narcotics Anonymous	Bob Evans Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Game/Card Party	Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship/Holy Communion Youth Sunday School Coffee Hour (Group 7) Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary Classrooms Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

March 5	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Contemplative Worship	Community Room
March 8	11:30 a.m.	Church Council Meets	Community Room
March 12	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Contemplative Worship	Community Room
March 13 -16		Pastor Nikki on Vacation	
March 29	11:30 a.m.	PULSE with Sarah Franzen	Sanctuary

Our Staff

Rev. Nikki Shaw, *Pastor*
Rita Lechleidner, *Licensed Minister*
Michelle Armstrong, *Office Manager*
Sara Mowrey, *Director of Choral Music*
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