

# 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.

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 Bradley, Just Peace Intern Olivia Beeman, Nursery Attendant Jess Tyler, Nursery Attendant

#### We celebrate our church leadership:

Alice Rutherford, Moderator Larry Eckel, Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk Jim Lootens, Treasurer Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary



<b>APRIL 19, 2020</b> Please speak the <b>bold</b> -printed wo Asterisk (*) indicates those who c	11:00 A.M.			
	WE GATHER			
TIME OF GATHERING and GREETING				
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund		
*THE PEACE You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace.				
WE PROCLAIM				
MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund		
SCRIPTURE	John 20:19-31			
SERMON	"The Wounded God"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund		

#### WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Loving God **hear our prayer.** 

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship) Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### 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 additional ways we can support ourselves and our community during this time. We invite you to mail your financial contributions to the church or donate electronically through our website.

#### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

## **CALLS to SERVE**

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

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline** offers confidential help at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish),

**The national Disaster Distress Helpline** provides 24/7/365 crisis counseling & emotional support and continues to be available for anyone experiencing distress or other mental health concerns during the ongoing COVID-19 infectious disease outbreak. Calls (1-800-985-5990; press "2" for Spanish) and texts (text TalkWithUs to 66746) are answered by trained counselors from a network of independently operated crisis centers located across the U.S.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Information HelpLine provides information and referral services. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) and <u>www.nami.org</u>.

**The Trevor Project hotline** offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and <u>www.theTrevorProject.org</u>

**Publications** - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: <u>www.fcindy.org</u>

**Continue Your Support of First Congregational UCC** - Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church at <u>http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/</u>

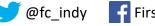
Sunday, April 19	12:00p.m.	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, April 21	4:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, April 21	1:30 p.m.	Circle IV Book Group
Wednesday, April 22	6:30 p.m.	Calling Circle
Friday, April 24	5:00 p.m.	Friday Fellowship
Saturday, April 25	4:00 p.m.	Trivia Time
Sunday, April 26	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 26	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, April 26	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour

## This Week on Zoom at First Congregational

# **Today's Scripture**

## John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, <sup>21</sup> who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you."<sup>22</sup> After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."<sup>24</sup> It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound."<sup>26</sup> On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then, to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!"<sup>28</sup> Thomas said in response, "My Savior and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you saw me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. <sup>31</sup> But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' Name.



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