



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 to your spiritual home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making, Green for care of Creation, WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for mental health church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQAAI+ 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

We celebrate our church leadership:

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

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Carol Sowle & Bob Cook, Worship Leaders
Mayflower Quartette
Jesse Wittman, string bass
Mike Kessler, percussion
Julie Houston, flute

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish)

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

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 www.theTrevorProject.org

JUNE 14, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	The Breeze and I	Stillman, Lecuona, arr. Baker
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Carol Sowle & Bob Cook
Come, find peace in God.		
We come to worship seeking peace.		
Come, find grace in Jesus Christ.		
We come to worship seeking grace.		
Come, find hope in the Holy Spirit.		
We come to worship seeking hope.		
All: God, pour your love into our hearts.		

OPENING HYMN	I Come to the Garden Alone (vs. 1,2)
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*THE PEACE
Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey
SPECIAL MUSIC	Take a Look	Otis, arr. Baker
SCRIPTURE	Romans 5:1-8	
SERMON	"Unashamed of Hope"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

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.

INTERLUDE

Forest Flower

Lloyd, arr. Baker

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly.

*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 HYMN

I Come to the Garden Alone (vs. 3)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Our Christ Ascends

Kendall

Following worship, everyone is invited for a Buzz Q&A conversation via Zoom.

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Coffee Buzz Q&A + New Member Reception, & Honoring Julie Houston, 12:30pm

Grab your lunch and coffee, tea, or a beverage of your choice, and join us on Zoom for our June Buzz Q&A. Our focus will again be on how we are navigating through the coronavirus crisis as a community of faith. The Comeback Team will share our deliberations, along with some of the guidance we regularly receive from the national UCC and the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. We also want to hear thoughts, questions, and concerns from everyone as well, so please plan to join in with video, audio, or just a phone.

During this Buzz we will also be accepting new members into our church, and honoring Julie Houston for her years of service at FC. Julie retires at the end of this month, so please take this opportunity to wish her well, and to greet new members of our faith community. (See Zoom link below.)

June 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. The organization is funded primarily from contributions from its member congregations and additional support is always needed to continue the work of improving the care for creation advocated by almost all major religious teachings. Please send a check to the church with MOM: HIPL in the memo line, or donate online at: <http://fcindy.org/online-giving/> (Please designate MOM: HIPL in your online giving).

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah: Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Join us for our weekly "Soul-Care with Pastor Sarah" a time for church members to check-in, reflect on Richard Rohr's weekly meditations, and to pray together. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84830474505?pwd=Ny9oeE84a0lpcTUWHU2dUhfVUZZQT09>

Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health, Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – The Spiritual Support Group is open to all with mental illness and those living with mental illness loved one. It is open to you, neighbors, friends & acquaintances. This group will meet every Thursday via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBtk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

Food Drive for the Northside Pantry - On **Saturday, 6/20, from 10 am – 2 pm**, and then every other Saturday (7/4, 7/18, 8/1), let's help fight poverty and hunger through our food donations. We will meet on the outside church patio. Bring dry and canned goods, as well as personal care items (soap, deodorant, etc). You can also bring your plastic bottle caps and paper for recycling. In future communications, we will let you know of particularly desired items. Per new church policy on in-person gatherings, only 10 people may participate (physically distanced) at a time, so please contact Wendy Baldwin if you are interested in helping.

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: www.fcindy.org

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

FC Emergency Fund - The FC Emergency Fund seeks to support your housing, food, and medical needs if you find yourselves unemployed or underemployed. You can send a check to the church with "emergency fund" on the memo or make a donation on the church website. To request funds for you or your family, please contact me by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012.



This Week on Zoom at First Congregational

Sunday, June 14	12:00 p.m.	Buzz Q&A + New Member Reception & Honoring of Julie Houston
Tuesday, June 16	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle
Tuesday, June 16	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (see announcement <u>above</u> for zoom link)
Wednesday, June 17	7:00 p.m.	Witness & Welcome
Thursday, June 18	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health
Sunday, June 21	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, June 21	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, June 21	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBtk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

Meeting ID: 926 449 4206

Password: 7171

If you click on the URL, you should not need to enter in the Meeting ID and Password.

To dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID 926 449 4206, Password 7171.

IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE **BLACK LIVES MATTER**
LOVE IS LOVE NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS
SCIENCE IS REAL **ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY & GOOD**
RELIGION IS A CHOICE KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING
INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE

Today's Scripture

Romans 5:1-8

Now since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended. 3 But not only that—we even rejoice in our afflictions! We know that affliction produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and character, hope. 5 And such a hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. 7 It is not easy to die even for a good person— though of course for someone really worthy, there might be someone prepared to die—8 but the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us even while we were sinners.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 734). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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