



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: While Pastor Sarah is on vacation from July 3 – 13, Pastor Carol may be reached at (317) 496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com.

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 & Rev. Elizabeth Price, Worship Leaders
Rev. Chad Abbott, guest preacher
Julie Houston, song leader
Mayflower Quartette

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

JULY 5, 2020

COMMUNION SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Gannon, Steiner

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Sowle & Rev. Elizabeth Price

Let all who are weary come and worship God.

We come, though some of us are weary, we come.

Let all who are despairing come and learn from Jesus.

We come, though some of us are despairing, we come.

Let all who are soul-sick come and be filled with the Spirit.

We come, though some of us are soul-sick, we come.

May this time of worship connect us, be restful for our souls, encourage us and bless us with the heart for abundant life.

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

OPENING SONG

Great Is Your Faithfulness (vs 1 &2)

*THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Morgan Dickason

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Carol Sowle

SERMON

"A Weary Generation, A Restful Soul"

Rev. Chad Abbott

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

S. Baker

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Chad Abbott

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.

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

Great Is Your Faithfulness (vs 3)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Abbott

POSTLUDE

S. Baker

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Zoom Coffee Hour – Immediately following worship, everyone is invited for coffee hour via Zoom. (For the link, see “How to Access our Zoom Gatherings” below.)

July Mission of the Month: Underneath It All - This mission provides underwear and school uniforms for children in IHN/Family Promise Aftercare. The Aftercare Program of Family Promise helps homeless families who get housing remain housed. Our donations to Underneath It All help ease their school budgets each fall by providing a uniform for each school aged child in the Aftercare Program. Make checks out to First Congregational United Church of Christ with Underneath It All in the memo line or donate online at <http://fcindy.org/online-giving/> (Please designate “MOM: Underneath It All” in your online giving). Thanks so much for your generosity with this ministry in the past and in this unprecedented year. For questions or help with this ministry, please contact me csjlwood@att.net 317-863-8238 (home) or 317-225-6206 (cell).

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>

NEW Outdoor Vespers Worship, July 14 & 28, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Memorial Garden

Join us for an outdoor evening vesper service. Our current plans are to have these every 2 weeks. Our outdoor protocols will apply, so bring your own chair and beverage, and keep 6 feet distant from others. Face masks are required per City of Indianapolis ordinance. It’s a time to be in community, while being safe and loving with one another.

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 is available to support housing, food, and medical needs for any of our church family who find themselves unemployed or underemployed due to Covid-19 impacts. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012. To make a

donation, send a check to the church with "emergency fund" on the memo or make a donation on the church website.

This Week on Zoom at First Congregational

Sunday, July 5	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (or immediately after worship)
Tuesday, July 7	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Wednesday, July 8	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, July 9	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, July 9	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, July 12	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, July 12	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Pastor Carol preaching (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, July 12	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.



Today's Scripture

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “What comparison can I make with this generation? They are like children shouting to others as they sit in the marketplace, ¹⁷ ‘We piped you a tune, but you wouldn’t dance. We sang you a dirge, but you wouldn’t mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He is possessed.’ ¹⁹ The Chosen One comes, eating and drinking, and they say, ‘This one is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ Wisdom will be vindicated by her own actions.”

²⁵ Then Jesus prayed, “Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever, you have revealed to the youngest children. ²⁶ Yes, Abba, everything is as you want it to be.” ²⁷ Jesus continued, “Everything has been handed over to me by Abba God. No one knows the Only Begotten except Abba God, and no one knows Abba God except the Only Begotten— and those to whom the Only Begotten wants to give that revelation. ²⁸ Come to me, all you who labor and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Here you will find rest for your souls, ³⁰ for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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

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



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