



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:

Nathan Howard & Wendy Baldwin, Worship Leaders
Mayflower Quartette
Meagan Johnson, vocal soloist
Rev. Mary Dicken, harp
Jesse Wittman, string bass
Mike Kessler, percussion

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 26, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE In Solitude R. Duck

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL TO WORSHIP Nathan Howard & Wendy Baldwin

Hello God, we are here but some of us might be feeling tired.

The Spirit comes to us in our weakness.

Thank you God. Sometimes we don't know how to pray or worship as we should.

The Spirit comes to express our pleas with groanings too deep for words.

Thank you Spirit. Speak to our hearts and make everything work together for the good.

Jesus shows us how to do good and work according to God's purpose.

Thank you Jesus. Now let us be renewed in and through God's love.

We rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

OPENING HYMN In Solitude (v. 1,2,&3)

*THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

WE PROCLAIM

GENEROSITY MOMENT Wendy Baldwin

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:26-39 Wendy Baldwin
& Nathan Howard

SERMON "The Mind of God" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SPECIAL MUSIC

This is My Song

Sibelius, Stone

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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

LITANY PRAYER (with Refrain)



Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaim - ing love to all.

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.

WE GO

CLOSING HYMN

In Solitude (v. 4&5)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Solitude

R. Duck

Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.



CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship - (See Zoom link 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 csjwood@att.net 317-863-8238 (home) or 317-225-6206 (cell).

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=Ny9oeE84a0lpcTUrWHU2dUhFVUZZQT09>

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>

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 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 26	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (or immediately after worship)
Tuesday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Foundation
Tuesday, July 28	11:00 a.m.	Come Back Team
Tuesday, July 28	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (see announcement <u>above</u> for zoom link)
Tuesday, July 28	7:00 p.m	Outdoor Vespers Service
Thursday, July 30	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health
Friday, July 31	1:00 p.m.	Worship Design Team
Sunday, August 2	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, August 2	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, August 2	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (or immediately after worship)
Sunday, August 2	3:00 p.m.	Southeast Association Meeting (IKC Zoom link)

***All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.**

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

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit, too, comes to help us in our weakness. For we don't know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit expresses our plea with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who knows everything in our hearts, knows perfectly well what the Spirit is saying, because her intercessions for God's holy people are made according to the mind of God. ²⁸ We know that God makes everything work together for the good of those who love God and have been called according to God's purpose. ²⁹ They are the ones God chose long ago, predestined to share the image of the Only Begotten, in order that Christ might be the firstborn of many. ³⁰ Those God predestined have likewise been called; those God called have also been justified; and those God justified have, in turn, been glorified. ³¹ What should be our response? Simply this: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" ³² Since God did not spare the Only Begotten, but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. ³³ Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? Since God is the One who justifies, ³⁴ who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died—or rather, was raised—and sits at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us! ³⁵ What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger? Nakedness? Danger? Violence? ³⁶ As scripture says, "For your sake, we're being killed all day long; we're looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. ³⁸ For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, ³⁹ neither heights nor depths—nor anything else in all creation—will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 736). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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