



## 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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

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**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

**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:**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund & Sean Baker, Worship Leaders  
Mayflower Quartette  
Jesse Wittman, string bass  
Mike Kessler, percussion

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**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](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

**AUGUST 2, 2020**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

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

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund & Sean Baker

This is the day that God has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad**

This is the day the Spirit renews us

**Let us rejoice and give thanks**

This is the day Jesus loves us

**Let us rejoice and share the love**

This is the day for creation, renewal and love

**Come, let us worship together, connecting to God and one another in the spirit of love**

\*THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

**WE PROCLAIM**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

Sean Baker

SERMON

"Bread of Compassion"

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**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

I Believe in One God

Kimball

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**WE GO**

CLOSING HYMN

Bread for the World

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together



## **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.)

**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 - Saturday, 8/8, from 10 am – 12 pm** - 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 and masks are REQUIRED. Please contact Wendy Baldwin if you are interested in helping.

### **Outdoor Vespers Worship, August 11 & 25, 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](mailto: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 at First Congregational

Sunday, August 2	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (or immediately after worship)
Tuesday, August 4	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Tuesday, August 4	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wednesday, July 5	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, July 6	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health
Friday, July 7	10:00 a.m.	PCRC (Pastor Sarah)
Friday, July 7	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Saturday, July 8	10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Food Drive
Sunday, August 9	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, August 9	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, August 9	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

### Matthew 14:13-21 (Common English Bible)

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. <sup>15</sup> That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat."

<sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish."

<sup>18</sup> He said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. <sup>21</sup> About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

