



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

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:

National Youth Event Team - Trayce Potter, Debby Kirk, Debbie Gline Allen, Kristin Putney, Samantha Barrett, Jennifer Ringgold, Barbara Kirshner Daniels, John Folk, Roberto Ochoa
Guest Preacher - Rev. Trayce Potter
Worship Leaders - Lea Morris, Refresh Collective, Sop Berlanga, Tracy Howe Wispelwey, Rev. Dick Hom
UCC National Executive Officers - Rev. John Dorhauer, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Rev. Traci Blackmon

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

AUGUST 9, 2020

11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER

INTRODUCTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL TO WORSHIP "I Am Listening, Spirit Speak to Me" Lea Morris

WELCOME National Youth Event Team

SONG "Together We're Strong"

PASSING THE PEACE Refresh Collective
Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sop Berlanga

SONG "To See You"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:129-136 Tracy Howe Wispelwey
I Kings 3:5-12

SERMON "Unite Through the Extraordinary" Rev. Trayce Potter

WE RESPOND

SONG "Love is Greater Than Fear" The Many

OFFERING National UCC Frontline Faith for Youth and Young Adult Justice Initiatives

OFFERTORY "It is Well" Lea Morris

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO

*BENEDICTION

“A Blessing for This Time”

Rev. Dick Hom, Rev. John Dorhauer, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Rev. Traci Blackmon

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



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>

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 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 9	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)
Tuesday, August 11	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Tuesday, August 11	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, August 11	7:00 p.m.	Outdoor Vespers Service
Wednesday, August 12	5:00 p.m.	W.I.S.E. Mental Health Team
Thursday, August 13	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health
Friday, August 14	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Sunday, August 16	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, August 16	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, August 16	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)
Sunday, August 16	12:45 p.m.	Worship & Faith

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

Psalm 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
- ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.
- ¹³³ Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
- ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

I Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today." ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.



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