



## 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:**

Mayflower Quartette

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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)

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

11:00 A.M.

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE	This Is God's Day	Trad., S. Baker
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING HYMN	What a Covenant (vs.1,2)	
THE PEACE		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
<i>Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.</i>		

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 18:15-20	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SERMON	"God Is Here Among Us"	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	Come to Jesus	Blakesley, Hart
CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**WE GO**

CLOSING HYMN	What a Covenant (vs.3)	
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BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Our Christ Ascends (Kendall)

*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 under “This Week...”)

**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 and to pray together. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84830474505?pwd=Ny9oeE84a0lpcTUrWHU2dUhfVUZZQT09>

**Outdoor Vespers Service – Tuesday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.** - Join us in the lovely setting of the Memorial Garden for a quiet time to be together, ponder scripture, and share our joys and concerns. Bring a chair and face mask as we spend some precious time with one another, and practice our love by keeping distant and wearing face coverings. Note: if the weather is threatening, the event will be cancelled, since we cannot run into the building to take cover.

**Wellness Wednesdays – Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom (see link below)** – Check in with mind, body, and spirit on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for a 45-60 minute practice of intentional breath practices, meditation, and slow physical movements. This practice will be recorded and shared on the church website.

**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 meets every Thursday via Zoom (see link below).

**Publications** - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: [www.fcindy.org](http://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](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.

**Family Promise – Help Provide Supplies for an Apartment for a Homeless Family!**

As part of our Just Peace Ministries, FC Indy is participating in a drive to help Family Promise furnish apartments for the homeless. Thanks to a great response, all of the items needed have been accounted for. FC Indy purchased some larger ticket items, and your financial gifts will cover these costs. You can mail a check to the church (specify FP Apt on memo line), or donate online. Questions? Contact Sandy Wood or Wendy Baldwin. Thank you for helping in this effort to house a homeless family!

**This Week at First Congregational**

<b>Sunday, Sept 6</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 8</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Design Team</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 8</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 8</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Vespers Service</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Wellness Wednesday</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>WISE Mental Health Team</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 10</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 11</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Design Team</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 13</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship (YouTube &amp; Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 13</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 13</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Buzz</b>

**\*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

### Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> "If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; <sup>16</sup> if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If your sister or brother refuses to listen to them, refer the matter to the church. If she or he ignores even the church, then treat that sister or brother as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> "The truth is, whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> "Again I tell you, if two of you on earth join in agreement to pray for anything whatsoever, it will be granted you by my Abba God in heaven. <sup>20</sup> Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst."

*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2240). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*



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