



## 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  
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall

**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:**

Sean Baker, Worship Leader  
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)

**OCTOBER 11, 2020**

**11:00 A.M.**

**WE GATHER**

GATHERING MUSIC	Sing! Prayer and Praise	
INTROIT	Metta Prayer	
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
CALL TO WORSHIP		Sean Baker
OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING HYMN #438	When Peace, Like a River (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	Philippians 4:1-9	Sean Baker
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	The Accessible God	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**WE RESPOND**

HYMN #471	What a Covenant	
SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS		
	<i>We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.</i>	
INTERLUDE	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	

## 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

## WE GO

CLOSING HYMN #438

When Peace, Like a River (vs. 4)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Metta Prayer

POSTLUDE

When Peace, Like a River

The Plymouth Players

*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...")

**TODAY! Book Buzz, 12:30 p.m.** (See Zoom link under "This Week...") – Grab your lunch and join in the conversation focusing on chapters 5 through 7 of "I'm Still Here" and Austin Channing Brown's experiences as a black woman at work. There is a lot to think about listening to the impacts she felt and how she dealt with them. A lot to consider around how all of us deal with situations where 'race' is a factor - whether subtle or overt. These informal discussions are open to all, so drop in on any session that might interest you, whether you have read the book or not. If you have any questions please contact Karen Walker at [karen.e.d.walker@gmail.com](mailto:karen.e.d.walker@gmail.com) or 317-319-8950 or anyone on the team.

**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 – Tuesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m.** – Each Tuesday evening, you can join us on the church patio 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.

**NEW! Wellness Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30AM (See Zoom Link below)** – Next Wednesday, October 14, we will nurture our mental and emotional wellness through prayer and meditation and other mindfulness practices. This Zoom session will be recorded for posting on the FC Facebook page and website.

**Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health Conditions, Challenges, and Wellness - Every Thursday, 5 - 6pm (See Zoom link below)** Led by Pastor Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund and Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey - We openly invite anyone seeking spiritual care for their well-being. We covenant with care givers for those with mental illness, those needing renewal, are burned-out, fearful, emotional, stigmatized or having disorders — all is confidential. You do not have to be alone with your struggles or journey.

**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.

## This Week at First Congregational

<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship (YouTube, Facebook, &amp; Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Buzz</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 13</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 13</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Vespers Service</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Wellness Wednesday</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>WISE Mental Health Team</b>
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Men's Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Just Peace Sunday Worship (YouTube, Facebook, &amp; Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Check In 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

### Philippians 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup> For these reasons, my sisters and brothers—you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown—continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> I implore Euodia and Syntyche to come to an agreement with each other in Christ. <sup>3</sup> And I ask you, Syzygus, to be a true comrade and help these coworkers. These two women struggled at my side in defending the Good News, along with Clement and the others who worked with me. Their names are written in the Book of Life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. <sup>6</sup> Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. <sup>7</sup> Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2596-2597). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*



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