



## 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).

**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  
Just Peace Intern, David Clark

**We celebrate our church leadership:**

Larry Eckel, Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk  
Jim Lootens, Treasurer  
Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Quartette

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Baker

INTROIT Be Still and Know Bell

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #505 Sweet Hour of Prayer *New Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
*Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.*

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39 Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON "The Holiness of Loneliness" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SERMON RESPONSE In Solitude

SONG #506 What a Friend We Have in Jesus *New Century Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Student Pastor Cassidy Hall  
*We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.*

INTERLUDE In the Bleak Midwinter

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.

COMMUNION SONG #345 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

### WE GO

CLOSING SONG #522 I Love to Tell the Story *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Let It Shine

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POSTLUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

arr. Baker

*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 on Zoom**

**TODAY! Racial Justice Buzz, 12:30PM on Zoom**

**Zoom Vespers Service - Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m.** - With lessening daylight and colder weather, we are exploring ways to continue the fellowship we

have shared the past few months. On Tuesdays, we will meet at 7 pm for a half hour on Zoom, to be together virtually.

**Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (Zoom)** - Join us on **Tuesdays** from **7:30-8:30pm.** for a time to check-in and to pray together.

**Spiritual Support Group, Thursdays at 5:00pm (Zoom)** – This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well being. Contact Pat Larracey at [plainandfancy1963@att.net](mailto:plainandfancy1963@att.net), or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org), or 386-478-9012.

**Ash Wednesday program (Zoom) at 12pm on February 17 led by Student Pastor Cassidy Hall** - Questions? Email Student Pastor Cassidy Hall at [studentpastor@fcindy.org](mailto:studentpastor@fcindy.org)

## **LENTEN LUNCH + LEARN**

Wednesdays in Lent,

**BEGINNING ASH WEDNESDAY**

12:00 noon - 1pm on Zoom

Bring your lunch

All Are Welcome



## **Lenten Lunch & Learn (Zoom) – Wednesdays from 12-1pm (2/17 – 3/31)**

Join us for a seven week study as we explore “A New Day” with poet Sonia Sanchez. You are welcome to join to eat your lunch and listen as we gather to learn from videos of Sonia and others from The Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership. Womanist work and theology centers on the insights and wisdom of Black women, and we will therefore be focusing on

hearing from those voices through this study. Questions? Email Student Pastor Cassidy Hall at [studentpastor@fcindy.org](mailto:studentpastor@fcindy.org)

**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 by mailing your check to the church or through online giving at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

**FC Emergency Fund** - The FC Emergency Fund is available to support financial needs for any of our church family who find themselves in need. 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.

**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)

## This Week at First Congregational

<b>Sunday, Feb 7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 7</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 7</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 7</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Racial Justice Buzz</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Vespers</b>
<b>Tuesday, Feb 9</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 10</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>W.I.S.E. MH Team Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, Feb 10</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb 11</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 13</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Food Drive</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 14</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 14</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Coffee Hour</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

### Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> Upon leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered Simon's and Andrew's house with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> Jesus went over to her, took her by the hand and helped her up, and the fever left her. Then she went about her work. <sup>32</sup> After sunset, as evening drew on, they brought to Jesus all who were ill and possessed by demons. <sup>33</sup> Everyone in the town crowded around the door. <sup>34</sup> Jesus healed many who were sick with different diseases, and cast out many demons. But Jesus would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew who he was. <sup>35</sup> Rising early the next morning, Jesus went off to a lonely place in the desert and prayed there. <sup>36</sup> Simon and some companions managed to find Jesus <sup>37</sup> and said to him, "Everybody is looking for you!" <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "Let us move on to the neighboring villages so that I may proclaim the Good News there also. That is what I have come to do." <sup>39</sup> So Jesus went into their synagogues proclaiming the Good News and expelling demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (p. 2270). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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