



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
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, David Clark

We celebrate our church leadership:

Senior Councilors: Steve Coomer, Larry Eckel, Alice Rutherford
Clerk: Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey
Treasurer: Jim Lootens
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dillenback

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette
Plymouth Players

March 14, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Softly and Tenderly

INTROIT This Is a Day of New Beginnings Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING PRAYER Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP (source: enfleshed) Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

Before thrones of power and through seasons of despair,
the presence of God nurtures life among us.
Through collective imagination and practices of repair...
By building new patterns of mutuality and justice...
Each time we trade individual gain for collective solidarity...
We encounter the eternal life of God - our beginning and our end.
There is no need to wait for the blessings of heaven.
They already dwell among us.
Thanks be to God, who lifts the veil and makes known the glory of love.

LITANY

LITANY RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

OPENING SONG #449 Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1,2) *New Century Hymnal*

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

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	“Choosing Love in Action”	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SERMON RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

INTERLUDE Jesus is Tenderly Calling

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 SONG #449	Softly and Tenderly (vs. 4)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

Lenten Devotionals - There is a Lenten Devotional for each family to pick up at the church. If you need your devotional delivered or mailed to your home, please contact Wendy Baldwin.

Southeast Association Virtual Lenten Series: Highlighting and Celebrating our Chaplains

When: Saturdays from 10-11AM (3/13, 3/20)

What: Stories from active chaplains serving in ministry, questions and answers, and time for community prayers

Why: To Build Community in the Southeast Association as we seek to love and serve like Jesus

Who: Everyone from the Southeast Association is invited to join us

Where: On the Indiana-Kentucky Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81305889617?pwd=dVNMTXRpdE12M0IRcDREcUJDVVVxQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 0588 9617 Passcode: 661797

Zoom Vespers on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for a time of togetherness, Scripture, and sharing of joys and concerns.

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah via Zoom- Join us after Zoom Vespers on **Tuesdays at 7:30p.m.** Simply stick around after vespers 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, or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

Lenten Lunch & Learn (Zoom) – Wednesdays from 12-1pm (2/17 – 3/31)
Join us 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. Questions? Email Student Pastor Cassidy Hall at studentpastor@fcindy.org

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: 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/>

Members In Need Fund - The Members In Need 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 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.

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

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, March 14	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 14	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, March 14	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, March 14	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Faith
Sunday, March 14	3:00 p.m.	Outreach & Service
Tuesday, March 16	1:30 p.m.	Women’s Book Circle
Tuesday, March 16	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Tuesday, March 16	7:30 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wed, March 17	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch & Learn
Thursday, March 18	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, March 20	10:00 a.m.	SE Association Virtual Lenten Series (IKC Zoom)
Sunday, March 21	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 21	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, March 21	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, March 21	12:45 p.m.	PCRC (Pastor Sarah)

***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

Psalm 107:1-3

¹ “Give thanks for YHWH’s goodness; God’s love endures forever!

² Let these be the words of YHWH’s redeemed, those redeemed from the oppressor’s clutches, ³ those brought home from foreign lands, from east and west, from northern lands and southern seas.

Psalm 107:17-22

¹⁷ Some were fools who suffered because of their rebellion, ¹⁸ until they were so sick, nearly at death’s door, that food became repugnant. ¹⁹ Then they called to YHWH in their trouble and God rescued them from their sufferings, ²⁰ sending a word to heal them, and snatching them from the Pit. ²¹ Let them thank YHWH for this great love, for the marvels done for all people. ²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and recount what God has done in joyful song.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 410). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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