



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

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE All Glory, Laud, and Honor arr. Baker

INTROIT Hosanna! Tressa

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP (from “enfleshed”) Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

The nearness of God is an intimate encounter, palpable and mysterious:

Like hope, buzzing through a community.

Like tension, calling evil into question.

Like comfort, shared among the weeping.

The nearness of God is a collective reality, material and spiritual:

Like community that harbors and holds.

Like resources shared and redistributed.

Like proclamations that move and inspire toward justice.

When God comes close, let the people be glad.

Blessed are those who perceive and rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER (from “enfleshed”) Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Sacred Disrupter, Source of our Salvation, you lure us out of the dull and destructive. You capture our attention with your love, turning us toward the gifts of heaven. With joy and expectation, we cry, “Hosanna!” Come and show us the way. Amen.

OPENING SONG #216 All Glory, Laud, and Honor *New Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Share with those around you a sign of Christ’s peace.

WE PROCLAIM

THE STORY OF HOLY WEEK

based on Mark 11:1-11 & Mark 14:1-15:47

Sean Baker
Wendy Baldwin
Katie Booth
Sue Chapman
David Clark
Clark Collier
Angie Hartman
Rev. Worth Hartman
Aniseh Hodges
Nathan Howard
Steve Leatherman
Linda Lupton
Rev. Elizabeth Price
Alice Rutherford
Paul Terheide

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

INTERLUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Baker

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 #223 What Wondrous Love Is This *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION (from “enfleshed”)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Benediction Moving through the gentle and angry, the humble and bold, the hopeful and resolute, Christ makes known the power of God. It does not trickle down from on high but rises up among us: In the streets. From deep within. Among all the creatures of the earth. Let us go, declaring, Hosanna! Salvation is among us.

POSTLUDE

Petite Toccata

Kimball

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

Vespers (Outdoor/Zoom) on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of togetherness, Scripture, and sharing of joys and concerns. When weather conditions allow, Vespers will be outdoors at the church at 7 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and wear a mask. We will also try to connect to Zoom for those unable to attend in person. We will NOT meet outdoors if the temperature is below 50 degrees, it’s raining, or winds are greater than 20 mph; you can join us on Zoom.

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah via Zoom- Join us after Zoom Vespers

on **Tuesday 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.

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 28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 28	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, March 28	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, March 30	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Tuesday, March 30	7:30 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wednesday, Mar 31	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch & Learn
Thursday, April 1	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch (private Zoom)
Thursday, April 1	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, April 4	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 4	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 4	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour

***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.



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the people and activities you love?**

Your vaccination brings us one day closer
to controlling the pandemic and
reopening Church.

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