



## 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:**

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:**

members of the Council of Conference Ministers and national setting staff of the United Church of Christ (UCC)

April 11, 2021

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

Sean Baker and Jesse Wittman

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Rev. Elizabeth Dilley  
Minister and Team Leader, Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization  
team, national setting of the UCC

MUSICAL OFFERING

Thine Is the Glory University Congregational UCC  
(Seattle, WA)

OPENING LITANY (based on John 20)

Rev. Elena Larssen  
Minister for Volunteer Engagement, national setting of the UCC

Peace be with you.

**The land drips with violence, people rage with contempt, even the air spins  
a path of destruction. How can we claim peace in a time like this?**

Peace be with you.

Receive the Holy Spirit

**We are too afraid of this power, too enchanted by it, too disturbed by it. Is  
not this gift too powerful to be entrusted to humankind?**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

See my hands.

**We do not want to see the wounds of the world; there are too many names  
to recall, too many places scored by violence. Why will you not let us forget?**

See my hands.

Reach out your hand.

**We are so bound up in your love, O Christ, that your peace, your Spirit, even  
your pain will not let us go. Therefore we remember, take hold, receive, and  
move in faith.**

Do not doubt but believe.

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE	John 20: 19-31	Rev. Kent Siladi Director of Philanthropy, national setting of the UCC
TESTIMONIES		
Introduction		Rev. Elizabeth Dilley
Testimony 1		Rev. Dr. Edward Davis Conference Minister of the Southern Conference
Testimony 2		Rev. Lynn Bunjak Conference Minister of the Vermont Conference
Testimony 3		Rev. Noel Andersen UCC and CWS Grassroots Coordinator for Immigrants' Rights
Testimony 4		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice
Closing		Rev. Elizabeth Dilley
MUSICAL OFFERING	Rise Up, Peace Eternal	The Restoration Project
PASTORAL PRAYER AND BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Chris Davies Minister and Team Leader, Faith INFO, national setting of the UCC



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

God is still speaking,

## **CALLS to SERVE**

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

**TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship on Zoom**

**Morning Prayer Sits on Mondays from 10-10:20 a.m. (Zoom)** - Join Student Pastor Cassidy Hall in April for Monday morning prayer sits. She will read a poem or blessing and then enter into silent prayer together.

**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.

**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.

**SE Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm (IKC Zoom)**

We will be electing officers and hear from the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson who is the Associate General Minister and Administrator of General Synod.

**Christ in the Psych Ward** – For Mental Health Sunday in May, we will have the opportunity to hear from the author of Christ in the Psych Ward, David Finnegan-Hosey. In preparation for this conversation, there is a cart containing the books and a sign-up for pick-up in the hallway by the garden

door. If you wish to have a book delivered to you, and there are books available, please let Sandy Wood know- see below for contact information.

**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/>

**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](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

Sunday, April 11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 11	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Communion (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 11	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Monday, April 12	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Sit w/ Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Tuesday, April 13	9:30 a.m.	Care & Connections
Tuesday, April 13	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Zoom)
Thursday, April 15	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, April 15	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, April 17	11:00 a.m.	Neighborhood Walk (at FC)
Sunday, April 18	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 18	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 18	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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