



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

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
Bread for the World Team - Katie Booth, Sue Chapman, Nancy Dickinson, Jessica Kramer, and Sandy Wood

May 9, 2021

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Come, Gracious Spirit

Kimball

INTROIT

Because He Lives

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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jessica Kramer

God of justice, today we remember people who experience persistent hunger, especially women and children.

May our worship inspire our action to build a more just world for all.

God of love, guide our steps as we work to end hunger.

May our worship inspire our action to build a more just world for all.

God of compassion, empower us to advance the Gospel by working for justice and an end to hunger.

May our worship inspire our action to build a more just world for all.

God of mercy, grant wisdom and courage to the leaders of our country, that they will make ending hunger and poverty a priority.

May our worship inspire our action to build a more just world for all.

God of Creation, empower us to work together to end hunger globally by 2030.

May our worship inspire our bold action to build a more just world for all.

REMARKS ON OUR VIRTUAL OFFERING OF LETTERS		Sue Chapman
LITANY		Nancy Dickinson & Katie Booth
SONG	Bread for the World	Marty Haugen
DEDICATION OF LETTERS		Sandy Wood

WE GO

CLOSING SONG # 120	Dream God's Dream	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i>
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Alleluia	Mayflower Quartette
POSTLUDE	Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer	

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

A Gift for Cassidy Hall - The Church Council has approved Cassidy Hall’s Support Team’s recommendation for a financial gift — a scholarship for her last semester at CTS - A GIFT FOR CASSIDY ! She will not have time for another internship or job, thus no income as she completes this counseling training.

Send your donations to the church marked “A Gift for Cassidy”. We will award this to Cassidy later in May to allow you time to send your gift for the gift which has been ours through her ministry with First Congregational.

If you have questions, please direct them to Rev. Dr. Patrick Larracey, chair of Cassidy’s Support Team. We plan to “stick with her” through her training and preparation for ordination in the United Church of Christ. Thank you for your support and gift for the future of this maturing UCC pastor.

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, or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

May Mental Health Sunday & Buzz – For Mental Health Sunday in May, we will have the opportunity to hear from the author of *Christ on 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.

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, May 9	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, May 9	11:00 a.m.	Bread for the World Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 9	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 11	9:00 a.m.	Care & Connections
Tuesday, May 11	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, May 12	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, May 13	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, May 16	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, May 16	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 16	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.

Today's Scripture

John 15:9-17

⁹ As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. ¹⁰ And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. ¹¹ I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. ¹² This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. ¹⁶ It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. ¹⁷ This command I give you: that you love one another.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (p. 2425). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



**Are you ready to get back to
the people and activities you love?**

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

Get your vaccine ASAP!

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