

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 Plymouth Players

June 13, 2021		11:00 A.M.
PRELUDE	This Is a Day of New Beginnin	gs arr. Baker
INTROIT	This Is the Day	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING SONG #417	This Is a Day of New Beginnir	ngs (vs.1-4) New Century Hymnal
THE PEACE Share with those arour	nd you a sign of Christ's peace.	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
ANTHEM	A New Beginning	Baker, Rutherford
	WE PROCLAIM	
SCRIPTURE	Ezekiel 17: 22-24	
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	"Becoming Splendid"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #156	New Life	Sing! Prayer and Praise
	WE RESPOND	
SHARING of JOYS and We invite those who de	CONCERNS esire to share a joy or concern.	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
INTERLUDE	A New Beginning	Baker, Rutherford

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 #28	For the Beauty of the Earth	New Century Hymnal		
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	E New Life	Dyer		
POSTLUDE	For the Beauty of the Earth	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

Patio Psalms and Prayers – On Sundays in June, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. On **June 13**, we will gather at 9:30, open with a welcome, read and reflect on **Psalm 2**, share joys and concerns, and then close with prayer and the Lord's Prayer. We

will wrap up by 10:15. Please join us for this time of reflection and connection.

No More Vespers on Tuesdays - Last summer, when we were yearning for time to be together in person, several of us enjoyed gathering together at the church on Tuesday evenings for a short Vespers service. It appears that our lives are getting busy again, and that this ministry is no longer needed. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for Patio Psalms & Prayers, as we look forward to being able to worship together again in the sanctuary on August 1. Thank you to those who participated, as we shared our stories, thoughts, and prayers!

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

Covenant Outreach continues through August in support of our W.I.S.E. for Mental Health covenant. Kudos to our Mental Health Team for their efforts in advocating for mental health in both our church family and in our wider community! Check out the ministries of the Julian Center (shelter and support for victims of domestic violence), the Trevor Project (mental and emotional help for LGBTQ youth and young adults), and the UCC Mental Health Network. Generous contributions from our congregation are greatly appreciated to support these ministries. Please donate either online or with a check sent to the church designated "Covenant Outreach".

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: <u>www.fcindy.org</u>

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 <u>http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/</u>

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 <u>pastorsarah@fcindy.org</u> 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 <u>www.nami.org</u>.

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 <u>www.theTrevorProject.org</u>

Sunday, June 13	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers
Sunday, June 13	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, June 13	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, June 15	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle (parlor)
Wednesday, June 16	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, June 17	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, June 19	2:00 p.m.	Juneteenth Program – Church Women United (see Epistle)
Sunday, June 20	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, June 20	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, June 20	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour

This Week at First Congregational

*All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

https://us04web.zoom.us/i/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTk5pcHZIYIB OaEFVUT09 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

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

²² "'This is what Sovereign YHWH says: I myself will take a shoot from the top of a cedar and plant it. I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a lofty and high mountain. ²³ I will plant it on the mountain heights of Israel. It will grow branches, bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. All kinds of birds will nest in it. They will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the countryside will know that I am YHWH who stunt tall trees and make low trees grow. I dry up the green tree and I make the dry tree flourish. I, YHWH have spoken, and I will do it.'"

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (p. 1041). 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! Register at ourshot.in.gov or call 211.

