

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
External Communications Manager, Cassidy Hall

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

July 18, 2021 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE O Christ, the Healer

INTROIT This Is the Day Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #505 Sweet Hour of Prayer New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

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

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON "The Discipleship of Napping" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SONG # 504 Heal Me, Hands of Jesus Chalice Hymnal

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

INTERLUDE God's Eye is on the Sparrow

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 #217 Peace I Leave with You Sing! Prayer and Praise

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Be Still and Know Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE When Peace Like a River Plymouth Players

Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! 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. We will gather at 9:30, open with a welcome, read and reflect on a Psalm, 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.

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship 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.

Outreach & Service - As we eagerly anticipate returning to our sanctuary to worship together, our food collections for Northside Pantry will then return to our pre-pandemic format. Beginning in August, please bring any donations for the Northside Pantry to the narthex, either on Sundays or at any convenient time. Donations will be delivered to the pantry monthly. Thanks to all for supporting this vital ministry during the pandemic. The Outreach & Service Board encourages your continued support to help meet nutritional needs in our larger community.

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, July 18	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers
Sunday, July 18	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, July 18	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
July 19 - 26		Office Admin Vacation
Thursday, July 22	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, July 22	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, July 25	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, July 25	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, July 25	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=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

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰ The apostles came back to Jesus and reported all that they had done and taught. 31 Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to someplace more remote, and rest awhile." For there were many people coming and going, and the apostles hadn't had time to eat. 32 So they went away in a boat to a deserted area. 33 The people saw them leaving and many recognized them, so they ran together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of the apostles. 34 When Jesus went ashore, there was a large crowd waiting for him, and he felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ After crossing the lake, Jesus and the disciples came ashore at Gennesaret and tied up their boat there. 54 No sooner had they stepped out of the boat than people recognized Jesus. 55 The crowds started hurrying about the countryside and brought the sick on stretchers wherever Jesus went. $^{\rm 56}$ Wherever he appeared—in villages, in towns or in the countryside—they laid down the sick in the open places, begging him to let them touch just the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched Jesus got well.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2281-2282). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.