



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

External Communications Manager/Office Admin, Cassidy Hall

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

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Worth Hartman, liturgist

August 29, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Jesus is Tenderly Calling You Home

INTROIT I Was Glad Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #436 God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1, 2, 3, 5)
New Century Hymnal

MOMENT OF PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE James 1:17-27 Worth Hartman
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON "Pura Vida" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #495 Called as Partners in Christ's Service *New Century Hymnal*

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

MEDITATION

Breathe on me, Breath of God

PASTORAL PRAYER (From Enfleshed)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Holy Spirit, the cruelty of oppressive forces enrages us. We know it doesn't have to be this way. May we follow in the legacy of our teacher, Jesus, who, amidst empire, lived creatively and compassionately. In our heartbreak, comfort us and open us to your expansive ways. Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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 #3

Come to the Waters

Sing! Prayer and Praise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Patio Psalms and Prayers at 9:30 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. **Psalm 13 (6 verses)**

TODAY! Virtual Coffee Hour is Back! - While we are not gathering in-person, we will have “Coffee Hour” on **Zoom** immediately following online worship.

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 – Thanks to all who continue to bring canned and packaged foods, paper products, and personal hygiene items for the Northside Pantry. The baskets in the narthex are filling up! August is the last month of our four-month Covenant Outreach dedicated to our W.I.S.E. for Mental Health covenant, supporting the UCC Mental Health Network, The Trevor Project, and The Julian Center. If you haven’t already made a contribution to Covenant Outreach since April, now is the time!

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

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.

This Week at FC Indy:

Thursday, August 26	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, August 29	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 29	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, August 29	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Thursday, September 2	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, September 2	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, September 5	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, September 5	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, September 5	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)



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.

Marion County "color"	Indoors	Outdoors
Blue, positivity is decreasing	Masks are <u>optional for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>	Masks are <u>not required</u>
Blue, positivity is increasing	Masks are <u>encouraged for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>	Masks are <u>not required</u>
Yellow	Masks are <u>required for all</u>	Masks are <u>encouraged for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>
Orange	Building is <u>closed</u> for in-person gatherings	Masks are <u>required for all</u>
Red	Building is <u>closed</u> for in-person gatherings	No church-sponsored outdoor gatherings

Current Marion County "color status": **ORANGE**

Today's Scripture

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above, descending from the Creator of the heavenly luminaries, who cannot change and is never in shadow. ¹⁸God willingly gave birth to us with a word spoken in truth, so that we may be, as it were, the first fruits of God's creatures. ¹⁹Remember this, my dear sisters and brothers: be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to anger; ²⁰for God's justice is never served by our anger. ²¹So do away with all your filth and the last vestiges of wickedness in you. Humbly welcome the word which has been planted in you, because it has power to save you. ²²But act on this word—because if all you do is listen to it, you're deceiving yourselves. ²³Those who listen to God's word but don't put it into practice are like those who look into mirrors at their own faces; ²⁴they look at themselves, then go off and promptly forget what they looked like. ²⁵But those who look steadily at the perfect law of freedom and make it their habit—not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice—will be blessed in all that they do. ²⁶If those who don't control their tongues imagine that they are devout, they're deceiving themselves and their worship is pointless. ²⁷Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of our Abba God, is this: coming to the aid of widows and orphans when they are in need, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by this world.

(The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2650-2651). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition)

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