



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.**

*****Disclaimer:** Please be aware that today's worship service is being live-streamed. While the focus will be on the worship leaders, anything you say or do may be on film. If you have any questions or need to ensure you are not on camera for your safety or other reasons, please speak with Pastor Sarah.

PastorSarah@fcindy.org

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

Just Peace Intern, Allison Welz

Media Technician, David Clark

We celebrate our church leadership:

Senior Councilors: *Alice Rutherford, Steve Coomer, Larry Eckel

Clerk: Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dillenback

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette

Plymouth Players

Allison Welz

Linda Lupton, Liturgist



October 31, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Blessed Quietness

arr. Baker

INTROIT

Make Me a Servant

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah
Lund

OPENING SONG #289 Come Forth, O Love Divine *New Century Hymnal*

MOMENT OF PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34 Linda Lupton

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON Do Good Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #494 They'll Know We Are Christians *(See Insert)*

WE RESPOND

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION There is Room for All Harding

PASTORAL PRAYER (Adapted from Enfleshed)

Breathe with us, Breath of Life. We yearn for clean air and open space to inhale your grace. We yearn to protect one another from illness circulating in the air. We yearn to liberate each other from systems of oppression that suffocate. Breathe with us, Breath of Life. Guide us with wisdom and courage. Amen.

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 #495

Called As Partners In Christ

*New
Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah
Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Make a Diff'rence

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

arr. Baker

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Patio Psalms and Prayers at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. **Today: Psalm 23, Next week: Psalm 139.**

NO COFFEE HOUR – While Marion County is “Yellow”, we will enjoy seeing each other in-person, but will refrain from refreshments. Hopefully, by Thanksgiving, the county will be “Blue”, and we can enjoy some pie after worship on our traditional Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21st.

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.

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. All requests for financial support will be confidential and your privacy will be honored and respected. 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.

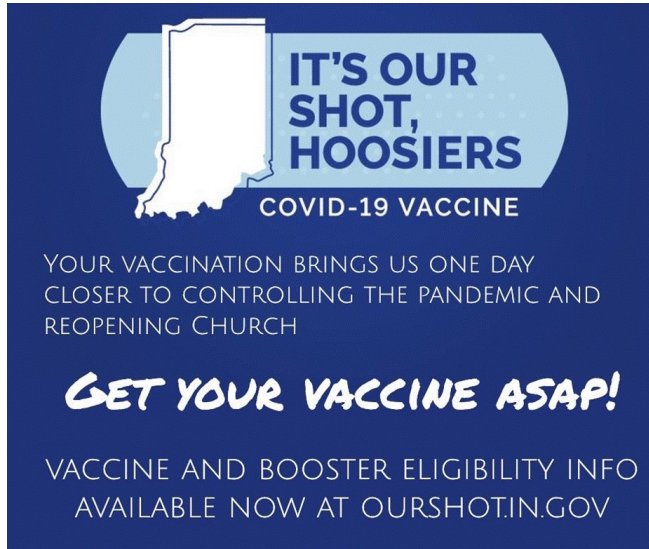
The Trevor Project hotline offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and www.theTrevorProject.org

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: cassidy@fcindy.org

This Week at FC Indy:

Sunday, October 31	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
Sunday, October 31	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person AND YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, October 31	REMINDER	NO COFFEE HOUR
Wednesday, November 3	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Thursday, November 4	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Thursday, October 28	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, November 7	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
Sunday, November 7	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person AND YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, November 7	1:00 p.m.	All church Buzz (Zoom) discussing Council Model
Sunday, November 7	5:00 p.m.	Sermon Reflections (Zoom)
Sunday, November 7	REMINDER	NO COFFEE HOUR



IT'S OUR SHOT, HOOSIERS
COVID-19 VACCINE

YOUR VACCINATION BRINGS US ONE DAY CLOSER TO CONTROLLING THE PANDEMIC AND REOPENING CHURCH

GET YOUR VACCINE ASAP!

VACCINE AND BOOSTER ELIGIBILITY INFO AVAILABLE NOW AT [OURSHOT.IN.GOV](https://ourshot.in.gov)

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": **YELLOW**

Today's Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

One of the religious scholars who had listened to them debating and had observed how well Jesus had answered them, now came up and put a question to him: "Which is the foremost of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "This is the foremost: 'Hear, O Israel, God, our God, is one. You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

The scholar said to Jesus, "Well spoken, Teacher! What you have said is true: the Most High is one and there is no other. To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself—this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice." Jesus, seeing how wisely this scholar had spoken, said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to question Jesus any more.

(The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition)

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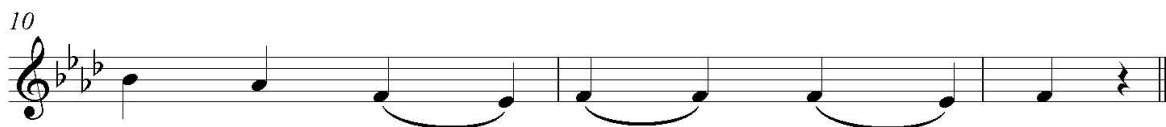
They'll Know We Are Christians



We are one in the Spi-rit, we are one in the Word; we are one in the
We will walk with each o-ther, we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each
We will work with each o-ther, we will work side by side; we will work with each
All— praise to our God, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ



Spi - rit, we are one in the Word; And we pray that all
o - ther, we will walk hand in hand; And to - ge - ther we'll
o - ther, we will work side by side; And we'll guard each one's
Je - sus, God's on - ly Son. And all praise to the



u - ni - ty will one day be re - stored.
spread the news that God is in our land.
dig - ni - ty and save each ones's pride.
Spi - rit who makes us one.

13 *Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris tians by our love, by our



love, yes, they'll know we are Chris tians by our love.