



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

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

Just Peace Intern, Spenser Churchill

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette

Plymouth Players

Liturgist, Linda Lupton

January 23, 2022

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

God Says It's Time

Sirchio

INTROIT

I Am the Light of the World

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #3

Come to the Waters

Sing! Prayer and Praise

MOMENT OF PEACE

Spenser Churchill

MEDITATION

Love and Justice

Goudey

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-21

Linda Lupton

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Just Peace for the New Year

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #120

Dream God's Dream

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERLUDE

Just As I Am

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Holy One, Liberator of the captive and Lover of the outcast, may your Spirit move among us. Keep us fixated on Sacred Possibilities of a world rich in justice and overflowing with love. Do not let us get distracted from the causes of our neighbor or swept away by the spirit of despair. For in you, we trust we are more powerful than we can even begin to imagine. Thanks be to you who makes it so, O God. 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 #497

Guide My Feet

New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Come Sweet Justice

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Guide My Feet

CALLS to SERVE

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

Annual Meeting Announcement: In view of the change in Marion County's covid status that has sent us back to worshipping only virtually, the Annual Meeting on January 30 will be on Zoom at 1:00 PM. We regret that we cannot meet in person for this important business meeting, but we hope all who are able will join us virtually to review 2021 and to move First Congregational's ministries forward in 2022.

Look for the Annual Meeting Report in a Special Email. Printed copies can be picked up at church or contact the office for a mailed copy:
cassidy@fcindy.org

Zoom: Adult Education at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, join us on Zoom for a gathering time for faith formation.

Zoom: Coffee Hour Immediately Follows 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.

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” is now the “Acts of Kindness Fund”

This fund has been repositioned as the “Acts of Kindness Fund”. Members can now make requests for gifts to be made from the fund to assist others in our church family. This could be to help with ride-share transportation, shovel or plow snow, pay an unexpected expense, etc. While honoring the dignity of the recipient, these gifts are to assist people who might not ask for help. The fund also continues to be available to support financial needs for any of our church family who find themselves in need. All requests for use of this fund will be confidential, and your privacy will be honored and respected. To request funds or gifts, 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

GIVING

We seek to love and to share our joy.

We offer care, give thanks and praise, when Christ is present among us all.

We know the world's a mission field, needing forgiveness, justice and hope.

Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant.

Our current outreach recipients: Exodus Refugee, Peace Learning Center, Family Promise, and Faith In Indiana.



**EXODUS
REFUGEE**
The life ahead.



**FAITH IN
INDIANA**

 **Family Promise**

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, January 23	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, January 23	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, January 23	Reminder	Coffee Hour Following Worship (Zoom)
Sunday, January 30	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, January 30	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, January 30	Reminder	Coffee Hour Following Worship (Zoom)
Sunday, January 30	1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting (Zoom)

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 30,
1:00 p.m.

Today's Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise. Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. Entering the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his habit, Jesus stood up to do the reading. When the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, he unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of our God is upon me:

because the Most High has anointed me

to bring Good News to those who are poor.

God has sent me to proclaim liberty to those held captive,

recovery of sight to those who are blind,

and release to those in prison— to proclaim the year of our God's favor.”

Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The

eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he said to them,

“Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled.”

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2126). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.