



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, Aurelia Glennan-March

January 30, 2022

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Like a Healing Stream

Harding arr. Baker

INTROIT

I Am the Light of the World

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #28

For the Beauty of the Earth

New Century Hymnal

MOMENT OF PEACE

Spenser Churchill

MEDITATION

For the Beauty of the Earth

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:21-30

Aurelia Glennan-March

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Just Peace and Environmental Justice

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #559 (vs. 1-3)

Thank You, God

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERLUDE

Touch the Earth Lightly

arr. Baker

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 #559 (vs. 4,5)

Thank You, God

New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Come Sweet Justice

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Creator God, Creating Still

arr. Baker

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY'S ANNUAL MEETING! 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 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)
Tuesday, February 1	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Wednesday, February 2	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, February 3	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, February 6	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, February 6	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
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Today's Scripture

Luke 4:21-30

Then he said to them, “Today, in your hearing, this scripture passage is fulfilled.” All who were present spoke favorably of him; they marveled at the eloquence of the words on Jesus’ lips. They said, “Surely this isn’t Mary and Joseph’s son!” Jesus said to them, “Undoubtedly you’ll quote me the proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your own country the things we heard you did in Capernaum.’ But the truth is, prophets never gain acceptance in their hometowns. “The truth is, there were many women who were widowed in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens remained closed for three and a half years and a great famine spread over the land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but to a woman who had been widowed in Zarephath, near Sidon. Recall, too, that many had leprosy in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one was cured except Naaman the Syrian.” At these words, the whole audience in the synagogue was filled with indignation. They rose up and dragged Jesus out of town, leading him to the brow of the hill on which the city was built, with the intention of hurling him over the edge. But he moved straight through the crowd and walked away.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible, Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

