



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.

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle
External Communications Manager/Office Admin, Cassidy Hall
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
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We celebrate our church leadership:

Senior Councilors: *Larry Eckel, Steve Coomer, Judy Fletcher
Clerk: Janet Selby
Treasurer: Jim Lootens
Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman
Just Peace Intern, Spenser Churchill

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette
Plymouth Players
Liturgist, Aniseh Ebbini

February 20, 2022

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE	Pass It On	Kaiser, arr. Baker
INTROIT	I Am the Light of the World	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING SONG #130	We Are Not Alone	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i>
MOMENT OF PEACE		Spenser Churchill

MEDITATION

The Church's One Foundation

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38

Aniseh Ebbini

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Just Peace and Exodus Refugee

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #388

Help Us Accept Each Other

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are Welcome Here

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PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Beloved One, your love has companioned us since birth. You know our stories, our struggles, the very roots of our being. There is nothing hidden from you. Even in our greatest insecurities, you embrace and encourage us. May we be disciples of your compassion, extending to others the grace that enables us our hope. 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 #477

Pass It On

Chalice Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Dance Into Joy

Camp, arr. Baker

CALLS to SERVE

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

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 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, February 20	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, February 20	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, February 20	Reminder	Coffee Hour Following Worship (Zoom)
Sunday, February 20	12:30 p.m.	Worship and Faith Meeting
Wednesday, February 23	1:00 p.m.	Care and Connections Meeting
Thursday, February 24	11:30 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, February 24	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group

Today's Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

“To you who hear me, I say: love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. When they slap you on one cheek, turn and give them the other; when they take your coat, let them have your shirt as well. Give to all who beg from you. When someone takes what is yours, don't demand it back. “Do to others what you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. If you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ do as much. If you lend to those you expect to repay you, what credit does that do you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to other ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. Love your enemies and do good to them. Lend without expecting repayment, and your reward will be great. You'll rightly be called children of the Most High, since God is good even to the ungrateful and the wicked. “Be compassionate, as your loving God is compassionate. Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Pardon, and you'll be pardoned. Give, and it will be given to you: a full measure—packed down, shaken together and running over—will be poured into your lap. For the amount you measure out is the amount you'll be given back.”

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



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