



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 hybrid worship service. Whether you choose to join us online or in-person, we believe we are called together 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
Media Technician, David Clark and Ben James

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
Lianna Campos
Meagan Johnson
Liturgist, Nancy Dickinson

February 27, 2022

11:00 A.M.

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| PRELUDE | You Are! | Unbehagen |
| INTROIT | I am the Light of the World | |
| WELCOME | | Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund |
| OPENING SONG #137 | Come Sweet Justice | <i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i> |

MOMENT OF PEACE

Spenser Churchill

MEDITATION

What Does YHWH Require

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Nancy Dickinson

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Bringing Down the Mountaintop

Lianna Campos

SONG #182

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

HOPE FOR THE WORLD

Meagan Johnson

INTERLUDE

This Is My Song

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Mysterious One, as we draw near to the season of Lent, you fill us where we are empty, preparing us for the journey. Lingering in your presence, we are nourished by the remembrance of those who came before us. We are encouraged by our present companions on the journey. We are inspired by your promises of what's to come. As we gather, may we hear your voice among us, whispering words of assurance and calling us to courage. Thanks be to you, 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 #13

Love and Justice

Sing! Prayer and Praise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Come Sweet Justice

POSTLUDE

Carry the Light

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CALLS to SERVE

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

Hybrid: In-Person and Zoom Adult Education at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, join us on In-Person or on Zoom for a gathering time for faith formation.

No Coffee Hour Until County is Blue

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/>

Acts of Kindness Fund - Members can make requests for use of this fund to assist themselves or others in our church family who might not ask for help. These gifts can help support financial needs, as well as help with ride-share transportation, shovel or plow snow, pay an unexpected expense, etc. Honoring the dignity of the recipient, all requests for use of this fund will be confidential, and privacy will be 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.

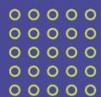
Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant.

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

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

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| Sunday, February 27 | 10:00 a.m. | Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom) |
| Sunday, February 27 | 11:00 a.m. | Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm) |
| Sunday, February 27 | Reminder | No Coffee Hour until county is blue |
| Tuesday, March 1 | All-Day | Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer |
| Wednesday, March 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Zoom) |
| Thursday, March 3 | 1:30 p.m. | Men's Lunch |
| Thursday, March 3 | 5:00 p.m. | Spiritual Support Group |





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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2ND

7:00 PM ON ZOOM

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Today's Scripture

Luke 9:28-37

About eight days after saying this, Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzlingly white. Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus—Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory— glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!" Peter didn't really know what he was saying. While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!" When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone. The following day, when they came down the mountain, a large crowd awaited him.

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



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