



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:** 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 Technicians, 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

Readers, Steve and Gini Coomer

Liturgist, Rev. Elizabeth Price

March 20, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

Good Enough

arr. Baker

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

THRESHOLD MOMENT

SONG

Good Enough

Mayflower Quartette

CALLING ON GOD

Based on Psalm 63

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Alice Rutherford

SONG #433

In The Bulb There is a Flower

New Century Hymnal

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Steve Coomer

THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

THE WORD IN MUSIC

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

Julie Houston

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SERMON

Lots of Things Can Be Medicine

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mayflower Quartette
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Gini Coomer

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Sacred Parent, Faithful Mother, Gracious Father, even when we are deserted by those closest to us, still you do not abandon us. May we too learn to be so faithful to our neighbors, especially those who are persecuted unjustly. Encourage us in practicing companionship with the maligned and solidarity with the defamed until hatred and injustice is no longer, Through Christ we pray. 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.

WE GO

CLOSING SONG #29

God's Grace

Sing! Prayer and Praise

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Good Enough

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Good Enough

arr. Baker

Worship Notes:

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CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Good Enough Tuesdays: Throughout Lent, join Pastor Sarah on Zoom for Good Enough Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM on March 22, 29, and April 5.

Ecclesiastical Council for Cassidy Hall: Sunday, March 27 at 1:00pm on the church zoom. Let us join in this time of discernment and prayer with Cassidy as she moves through the process to answer her call to be an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. This is an important moment in the life of our congregation and everyone is invited to pray and to attend the zoom meeting to show support and God’s love.

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.

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:

Sunday, March 20	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, March 20	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, March 22	6:30-7:30 PM	Lenten Study with Pastor Sarah (Zoom)
Thursday, March 24	1:45 PM	Women's Lunch Bunch
Thursday, March 24	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Luke 13:1-9

On the same occasion, there were people present who told Jesus about some Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their own sacrifices. Jesus replied, "Do you think these Galileans were the greatest sinners in Galilee just because they suffered this? Not at all! I tell you, you'll all come to the same end unless you change your ways. Or take those eighteen who were killed by a falling tower in Siloam. Do you think they were more guilty than anyone else who has lived in Jerusalem? Certainly not! I tell you, you'll all come to the same end unless you change your ways." Jesus told this parable: "There was a fig tree growing in a vineyard. The owner came out looking for fruit on it but didn't find any. The owner said to the vine dresser, 'Look here! for three years now I've come out in search of fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?' In reply, the vine dresser said, 'Please leave it one more year while I hoe around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine; if not, then let it be cut down.'"

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (pp. 675-676). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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