



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. We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the pew holder. 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.**

First Congregational urges vaccinations, encourages masking for those unvaccinated or those at risk, and staying home if feeling unwell. (Based on CDC guidelines and approved by Church Council, April 13, 2022)

***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 Technician, 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 Singers

Meagan Johnson, soloist

Julie Houston, soloist

Readers, Carol Sue Chapman

Liturgist, Rev. Lance Mullins

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Michael Thomas

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SPECIAL MUSIC

Now the Green Blade Rises

Trad.

THRESHOLD MOMENT

SONG	Good Enough	Mayflower Singers
CALLING ON GOD	Based on Psalm 114	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Alice Rutherford
OPENING SONG #433	In the Bulb There Is a Flower	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund Carol Sue Chapman
THE PEACE		Spenser Churchill
	WE PROCLAIM	
THE WORD IN MUSIC	Easter Aria and Chorale	J.S. Bach
SCRIPTURE	John 20 :1-18	Rev. Lance Mullins
SERMON	Good Enough Easter	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: Praise God from who all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Holy Spirit, you show us the meaning of hope -- that after tragedy, after death, there is more meaning to be lived. There is more beauty to witness, more intimacy to experience, more relationships to delight in, more liberation to embody. Embolden us to be a people who practice this 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.

WE GO

CLOSING SONG #233 Christ The Lord is Risen Today *New Century Hymnal*

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Good Enough

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for a Resurrection Day

Steven Scott

Worship Notes:

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CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Abiti Paper Recycling Bin: Say goodbye to the large bin in our parking lot, since it will be disappearing sometime in the next few weeks. It has been treated as a dumpster in the past few years, with the latest incident involving a chain link fence. We encourage you to recycle, so please use other opportunities – if you need help finding another Abiti bin, contact Wendy Baldwin.

Remember the Northside Pantry: Last year, through special food drives, our church donated almost 3000 lbs of food and supplies to the Northside Pantry. They are VERY appreciative of our gifts, especially since the need is growing. Please remember to bring donations to the church when you can; our giving is actually down from a year ago. Also useful are paper or plastic bags, since they use 1000 each week - Thanks for helping to serve this valued ministry!

Welcoming a Guest Preacher, Sunday, April 24th: Pastor Sarah will be hosting a guest preacher, Rev. Nathan Wilson! Rev. Wilson serves World Council of Churches.

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/>

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, April 17	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, April 17	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, April 19	4:30 PM	WISE Team Meeting
Thursday, April 21	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, April 24	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, April 24	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Sunday, April 24	12:30 PM	Rev. Worth Hartman Retirement Celebration in Mayflower Hall

Today's Scripture

John 20: 1-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!” At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus’ body had lain. They asked her, “Why are you weeping?” She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.” No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you’ve laid the body and I will take it away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned to him and said, “Rabboni!”—which means “Teacher.” Jesus then said, “Don’t hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, ‘I’m ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!’” Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. “I have seen the Teacher!” she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

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

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (pp. 711-712). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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