



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

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Cristy James

THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

Wendy Baldwin

SERMON

We Are Fragile

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This

Julie Houston

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mayflower Quartette
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastor Carol Sowle

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Holy One, though we seek to love, still we fail one another. We get stuck in our guilt. We hide in shame. But you, O God, do not send us away. You draw us closer, more deeply into the heart of Love where we are transformed. Whatever burdens of regret we bear, may we hear and receive your eternal invitation to embrace the grace that sets us free. To make amends. To heal. To reconcile. 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.

INVITATION

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Mayflower Quartette

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE GO

CLOSING SONG #488

Be Still My Soul

New Century Hymnal

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 29 and April 5.

Updated Address Directory – Printed copies of the 2022 Address Directory are now available in the Narthex. A PDF version is also stored in the Members Only section of www.fcindy.org. If you would like a PDF version emailed to you, please contact Cassidy Hall at cassidy@fcindy.org.

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, April 3	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, April 3	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Sunday, April 3	12:15-12:45	Playground Playdate (Songs, Stories, Snacks)
Sunday, April 3	1:00 PM	A sabbatical proposal discussion with Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, April 5	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Tuesday, April 5	6:30-7:30 PM	Good Enough Lenten Study (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 6	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
Thursday, April 7	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Saturday, April 9	12-2:00 PM	Inside Work Day with DPRMT

Today's Scripture

John 12:1-8

Six days before Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the village of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they gave a banquet in Jesus' honor, at which Martha served. Lazarus was one of those at the table. Mary brought a pound of costly ointment, pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. The house was full of the scent of the ointment. Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples—the one who was to betray Jesus—protested, “Why wasn't this ointment sold? It could have brought nearly a year's wages, and the money been given to poor people!” Judas didn't say this because he was concerned for poor people, but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the common fund and would help himself to it. So Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You have poor people with you always. But you won't always have me.”

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

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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The Lord Went to a Dinner

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D

The Lord went to a din - ner, and Ma - ry took per - fume. As she a - noin - ted
Soon Ju - das was com - plain - ing, "This gift could have been sold; We could have helped the
Her gift was her ex - pres - sion of thank - ful - ness and praise, and so it makes us
O Lord, to - day we of - fer the best that we can bring — our wor - ship as a

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Je - sus, the fra - grance filled the room. She'd sat as a dis - ci - ple, she'd
poor here the young ones and the old. Yet Je - sus said, "My peo - ple will
won - der, in these long Len - ten days: What would we give to Je - sus if
fra - grance, our love, an of - fe - ring. And now, as we're re - min - ded the

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been a faith - ful friend, and now, with cost - ly fra - grance, she ho - nored Christ a - gain.
al - ways help the poor, but Ma - ry chose to give this to me, her dy - ing Lord."
he sat at our meal? What gift would be our kind - ness and what would it re - veal?
poor are with us still, we pray that we may serve them to ho - nor you, as well.