



## 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.**

**\*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](mailto:PastorSarah@fcindy.org)

**A Message from our Church Council:** 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)

**Pastoral Care:** Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto: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

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

# Mayflower Singers

Meagan Johnson

Liturgist, Rev. Elizabeth Price

May 1, 2022

**11:00 A.M.**

## GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE                      Sonata No. 5 in G Major, K. 283 I Allegro                      W.A. Mozart

INTROIT

New Life

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

OPENING SONG #156      New Life      *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

INVITATION TO PEACE Sean Baker

THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-14

Rev. Elizabeth Price

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

Resurrecting Friendship

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #506

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*New Century Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Sonata No. 5 in G Major, K. 283 II Andante

W.A. Mozart

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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.

COMMUNION SONG          Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

## COMMUNION

**WE GO**

CLOSING SONG #82      Go, My Children, with My Blessing          *New  
Century Hymnal*

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION          Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE          Because He Lives          Mayflower Singers

**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!

**Shameless Storytelling Retreat:** Sign up today for the Shameless Storytelling retreat in the church narthex. About the retreat: This Spring, as we celebrate the season of Resurrection, we have an opportunity to unburden ourselves of shame and affirm our sacred worth. At our [Shameless Storytelling retreat](#), we will use writing as a tool to unpack and let go of the shame we carry. Led by Rev. Lance Mullins!

**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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org), or 386-478-9012.

**Publications** - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: [www.fcindy.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

### **How to Access our Zoom Gatherings**

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto:cassidy@fcindy.org)

### **A NOTE FROM YOUR MUSIC DESIGNER:**

For years I've performed as a pianist/entertainer in many restaurants and clubs. One of the classic practices in this profession is taking requests. Well, I'd like to bring this tradition to the church. As I've lived within the lines of our music licensing for the church during the pandemic since we've now been online, it has been a blast for me to utilize my arranging skills by simply reworking hymns into orchestral pieces with my stamp and style applied. I would like to get a list of everyone's top 5 favorite hymns along with your permission to list your name in the bulletin as "requested by..." I think this would be a fun way together as a church to feel like the everyone is part of the creation of the services. Please email me your requests and permissions (*or if you prefer to be anonymous*) to [sbaker@seanbaker.com](mailto:sbaker@seanbaker.com).

—Sean Baker

## **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, May 1	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, May 1	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Sunday, May 1	12:15-12:45PM	Playground Playdate! Join us for songs, stories, and snacks!
Tuesday, May 3	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Wednesday, May 4	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 5	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, May 5	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)



## Today's Scripture

### John 21:1-14

Later Jesus again was manifested to the disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how the appearance took place. Assembled were Simon Peter, Thomas “the Twin,” Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s children, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going out to fish.” “We’ll join you,” they replied, and went off to get into their boat. All through the night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus was standing on the shore, though none of the disciples knew it was Jesus. He said to them, “Have you caught anything, friends?” “Not a thing,” they answered. “Cast your net off to the starboard side,” Jesus suggested, “and you’ll find something.” So they made a cast and caught so many fish that they couldn’t haul the net in. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved cried out to Peter, “It’s the Teacher!” Upon hearing this, Simon Peter threw on his cloak—he was naked—and jumped into the water. Meanwhile the other disciples brought the boat to shore, towing the net full of fish. They were not far from land—no more than a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw that a charcoal fire had been prepared, with fish and some bread already being grilled. “Bring some of the fish you just caught,” Jesus told them. Simon Peter went aboard and hauled ashore the net, which was loaded with huge fish—one hundred fifty-three of them. In spite of the great number, the net was not torn. “Come and eat your meal,” Jesus told them. None of the disciples dared to ask, “Who are you?”—they knew it was the savior. Jesus came over, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This marked the third time that Jesus had appeared to the disciples after being raised from the dead.

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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