



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

Comeback Team: Messages from Church Council Regarding Covid:

CAUTION: Marion County COVID-19 rates are increasing. **Masking encouraged.** (Church Council, 5/11/22).

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, 4/13/22)

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

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Singers
Mike Kessler, Percussion
WISE Mental Health Team: Lianna Campos, Janet Lynn Taylor, Sandy Wood,
Helen Walsh, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Larry Eckel
Guest Messages: Rev. Michael Curry, Dr. Kimberly Douglass

May 22, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE	Draw the Circle Wide	Gordon Light
INTROIT	New Life	Mayflower Singers
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Lynn Taylor

OPENING PRAYER

Larry Eckel

Holy One, be with us in this sacred space. Stir your Spirit in and among us as we offer our prayers and praises. We long to hear more than the groaning of Creation around us, more than our own fearful groaning. From the places deep within us, that we mistakenly believe are hidden from you, may your Spirit intercede for us. Draw us into your presence. May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors. Let us see you through all brokenness that we may find wholeness in being your body here and now. In the name of the One who fills the world with Hope. Amen

Introduced by Sandy Wood

THE PEACE

Give Yourself To Love by Kate Wolf

Helen Walsh

Introduced by Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SPECIAL MESSAGE

The Power of Welcome

Rev. Michael Curry

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Sandy Wood

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6

Lianna Campos

LITANY OF NAMING

Sandy Wood

Leader: On this Mental Health Sunday, we join in this Litany of Naming.

People: As a congregation we are glad to lift up our voices and our spirits to break the silence that often happens when we are confronted with mental illness.

L: As a faith community, we name the gifts and the often unnamed experiences which come to those who live with a mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, substance use, addiction, historic and generational trauma, racial trauma, grief and eating disorder. We name:

P: The Hope which upholds our spirit through honest sharing;

L: The Pain when people turn away because of fear;

P: The Courage to speak in a safe place the way that Jesus spoke truth with love;

L: The Strength from being with others who listen compassionately

SONG

Take, O Take Me As I Am

(see insert)

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

For UCC Mental Health and Disabilities Ministries

MEDITATION

Take, O Take Me As I Am

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

PRAYER

Dr. Kimberly Douglass

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Because He Lives

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Children of God

James F.D. Martin

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY: W.I.S.E. MENTAL HEALTH TEAM BUZZ, Sunday MAY 22nd 1pm

(Zoom): Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund has just had a new book published- [*Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness with Children and Teens.*](#) **In conjunction with Mental Health Sunday May 22nd, the team is planning a Zoom Buzz at 1 p.m. to discuss the book.** You do not have to read the book in order to attend. If you would like to read the book, the team has ordered 10 books that can be borrowed by members of the congregation to read before the Buzz. The books will be available in the Narthex. Please sign out a book on the list beside the books and return it after you are done. We look forward to getting together with many of you on Zoom, hearing from Sarah about her

experience writing the book, and discussing its contents. **Questions?** Contact Sandy Wood: csjlwood@att.net

It's almost PRIDE month! A Message from Cassidy Hall: As a LGBTQIA+ woman, it's always pride month for me and I'm **so excited** to be helping our church's efforts to affirm God's truth that all genders and sexualities are beloved by God. To remind the community of our affirming stance, I've created postcards to hand out with our logo which say "God loves you. And so do we" and new shirts for those either walking in the parade or wanting to have a new shirt! If you'd like a new shirt, I need your payment (\$25) and size **by Wednesday, May 25th**. Please either donate via our site making note it is for the Pride shirt or leave the money/check on my desk with the memo "Pride Shirt." Questions? cassidy@fcindy.org

Interested in Walking in the PRIDE Parade with FC Indy? This year we are walking with St. Peter's UCC (Carmel). We will be handing out postcards and wearing blue shirts. **The parade is at 10 am on 6/11**, but generally lineup is at 9:30 and it can go until around noon. To sign up, please email wendy.baldwin@travelandleisure.com with your best contact info and intention to walk with FC Indy!

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 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/>

Bread for the World Offering of Letters: Thank you to each of you who has already written or emailed their Senators and Representatives on this year's Bread for the World focus. If you wrote letters at home and plan to attend worship by May 22, please bring them to church and deposit them in the basket on the Narthex table. If not, please mail them yourselves. If you mailed letters or sent emails and have not yet reported them to Cassidy

(cassidy@fcindy.org), please do so soon. We want everyone's contacts to count. Our tally will be reported to Indiana Bread before the delegation goes to D.C. in early June.

New Member Sunday is June 5th: Are you interested in becoming a member, curious about the process, or just want more information about membership? Contact Pastor Sarah, pastorsarah@fcindy.org

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: cassidy@fcindy.org

A MESSAGE 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.

—Sean Baker

A NOTE ON OUR CURRENT COVENANT OUTREACH GIVING

Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our WISE Covenant (May – August) Our current outreach recipients: The Julian Center, The UCC Mental Health Network, and The Trevor Project.



- **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

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, May 22	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, May 22	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM) r
Sunday, May 22	1:00 PM	BUZZ: Mental Health Sunday with the WISE team (Zoom)
Thursday, May 26	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch
Thursday, May 26	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen." The One who sat on the throne said, "Look! I'm making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true." And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life.

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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Take, O Take Me As I Am

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line in each system.

Chord symbols for the first system: D, G/D, Em/D, A/D, D, G/B, Asus, A.

Chord symbols for the second system: G, A/G, D, Bm, Em, D, Asus, A.

Lyrics: Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text and music: John Bell (b. 1840)