



## 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)

## **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, 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

Mike Kessler

Liturgist, Marion Harcourt

Worship Leader, Rev. Elizabeth Price

**May 29, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

Sing to God

Martin

**INTROIT**

New Life

Mayflower Singers

**WELCOME**

Rev. Elizabeth Price

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 95

OPENING PRAYER

SONG #12

Come, My People

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

Cassidy Hall

MEDITATION

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Ruth Duck

SCRIPTURE

**WE PROCLAIM**

Acts 16:16-34

Marion Harcourt

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

What Good is Singing?

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG #476

My Life Flows in Endless Song

*New Century Hymnal*

OFFERING

**WE RESPOND**

## INTERLUDE

## Shout to the Lord

### 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 (From Enfleshed)

God, our hope and our comfort, turn our hearts and our feet in the direction of love. Though paths unfold before us promising success or security, give us the courage to ask if they are also the paths of love. In Christ, you have shown us what it is to choose each other, to commit to justice, and to live compassion. Make it so among us. 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.

## RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

## CLOSING SONG #124

Deep Within Our Hearts *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE GO

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Elizabeth Price

RESPONSE

Because He Lives

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

A Song Must Rise

Svenson

## CALLS to SERVE

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

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

**Publications:** Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website [FCIndy.org](http://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/>

## How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

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



United Church of Christ  
**MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK™**



THE JULIAN CENTER

- **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)

### THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, May 29	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, May 29	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Thursday, June 2	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

## Today's Scripture

### Acts 16:16-34

Once when we were going to prayer, we met a household worker who was possessed by a spirit of divination, and who made a great deal of money for her employers through its fortune telling. She began to follow Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These are faithful followers of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation!" She did this for many days. Finally one day Paul lost his temper, and turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave this woman!" It left her that moment. When her employers saw that their profitable operation was now hopelessly dead, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities in the public square. They brought them to the chief magistrates and said, "These people are Jews and are disturbing the peace by advocating practices which are unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in the attack on them, and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. They were whipped many times and thrown into prison, and the jailer was told to keep a close watch on them. So, following these instructions, the warden threw them into the innermost cell of the prison and chained their feet to a stake. About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as the other prisoners listened. Suddenly a severe earthquake shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundation. Immediately all the doors flew open, and everyone's chains were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and found the doors wide open, he drew a sword and was about to commit suicide, presuming that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We're all still here." The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas, and, after a brief interval, led them out and asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in Jesus the Savior, and you will be saved—you and everyone in your household." They proceeded to preach the word of God to the jailer and his whole household. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and the whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and the whole family joyfully celebrated their newfound faith in God.

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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