



## 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: \* Judy Fletcher, Larry Eckel, and Steve Coomer

Clerk: Janet Selby

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Singers

Wendy Baldwin

Liturgist, Judy Fletcher

Worship Leader, Rev. Elizabeth Price

**June 12, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

Ode to Joy

Beethoven, arr. Baker

**INTROIT**

This is the Day

Mayflower Singers

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Wendy Baldwin

SONG #277

Holy, Holy, Holy

*New Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE

MEDITATION

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Baker

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Judy Fletcher

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

Delighting in Diversity

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #402

De colores

*New Century Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

In Solitude

arr. Baker

## 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)

Beloved One, where hearts and spirits are breaking, come close. Hear the cries of the forgotten and lift the voices of the silenced. Let none be abandoned to ordinary evil, and stir all who slumber before injustice. Keep us awake to the needs of our neighbors, 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.

## RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

## CLOSING SONG #118

Imago Dei

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE GO

### BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Alleluia

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

arr. Baker

### CALLS to SERVE

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

**A Message from Worship and Faith:** As we pursue further efforts to accommodate the faith formation needs of our families and children, we are repurposing the nursery space next to the parlor kitchen into a welcoming space for them. On **Sunday, June 12, following worship** the Worship & Faith Board will be working on some clean-up and clean-out of that room. We welcome all who would like to be part of that effort. Bring a bag lunch and we'll eat together before (or during) the work time. Many hands make light work – and fun companionship!

**A Continued Call to Action:** Thank you to those who wrote letters in support of sensible gun legislation last Sunday. The table and writing materials in the narthex will again be available this Sunday for more letters, as gun violence continues unabated. Note that digital letters to lawmakers are also welcome, and information for contacting national and local officials through their websites is available at the table. Please take a few moments – this Sunday and other Sundays in the future – to write a letter to help bring God's peace to our world, our nation, and our community. Questions? Contact Alice Rutherford [alice@caloosaspire.net](mailto:alice@caloosaspire.net) or Sandy Wood [csjlwood@att.net](mailto:csjlwood@att.net)

**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

**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 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, June 12	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, June 12	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Thursday, June 16	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

## Today's Scripture

### Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Doesn't Wisdom call?

Doesn't Understanding raise her voice? On the hills along the road,  
at the crossroads, she takes her stand;

beside the city gates of the town,

in the gates themselves, she cries out,

“Women and men, people everywhere,

I'm calling out to you!

I cry out to all of humankind!

You who are simple,

learn how to make sound judgments!

To the foolish among you, use your common sense! Listen closely, for what I say is worth  
hearing, and I will tell you what is right; for my mouth will speak the truth,

and my lips hate to lie. Everything I say is right;

none of it is twisted or crooked.

“YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning,

before the first acts of creation. I have been from everlasting,

in the beginning, before the world began. Before the deep seas, I was brought forth,

before there were fountains or springs of water; before the mountains erupted up into place,

before the hills, I was born—before God created the earth or its fields,

or even the first clods of dirt. I was there when the Almighty created the heavens,

and set the horizon just above the ocean, set the clouds in the sky,

and established the springs of the deep, gave the seas their boundaries

and set their limits at the shoreline.

When the foundation of the earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan standing next to the  
Almighty.

I was God's delight day after day,

rejoicing at being in God's presence continually, rejoicing in the whole world

and delighting in humankind...”

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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