



## 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

Julie Houston, soloist

Rev. Bill Johnson, video participant

Liturgist, Linda Lupton

**June 26, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

GATHERING MUSIC

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn of Promise

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Bill Johnson

SONG #449

Softly and Tenderly

*New Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

Linda Lupton

RESPONSE #764



This is what the Spir-it is say-ing to the church-es: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Joy and the Cost of Discipleship Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #573

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

*New Century Hymnal*

SONG #139

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs. 1, 2)

*Sing!*

*Prayer and Praise*

**WE RESPOND**

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Jesus is Tenderly Calling Thee Home

Crosby, Stebbins

## DOXOLOGY #785

We give you but your own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
We give it gratefully.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYER (From Enfleshed)

Christ, who calls us by name, these days call us to push past our comfort zones. Give us the courage to be honest about what we fear. Give us the patience to listen and reflect on the why and how our fears came to be. And give us the perseverance to stay present to this labor of examination, that we might be set free to follow you with total abandon. 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 #769



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline you ear to us, and grant us your peace.

## CLOSING SONG

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(see insert)

**WE GO**

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Baker

### CALLS to SERVE

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

**"Patio Psalms and Prayers"** returns for the month of July while Adult Ed takes a break. At 10 am, bring your lawn chair, your sunglasses and meet on the patio to reflect together on a selected Psalm. This is a great opportunity to share with one another in an outdoor natural setting, although depending on the weather, we may meet inside. The selected Psalm will be noted each week in the epistle, and handouts will be available. Come for the psalm, come for the prayer, come for the pleasure of one another's company.

**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.



- **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 26	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, June 26	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Thursday, June 30	11:45 AM	Women’s Lunch
Thursday, June 30	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

## Today’s Scripture

### Luke 9:51-62

As the time approached when he was to be taken from this world, Jesus firmly resolved to proceed toward Jerusalem and sent messengers on ahead. They entered a Samaritan town to make preparations for him, but the Samaritans wouldn’t welcome Jesus because his destination was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Rabbi, do you want us to call down fire from heaven and destroy them?” But Jesus turned and reprimanded them.\* Then they set off for another town. As they were making their way along, they met a fellow traveler who said to Jesus, “I’ll follow you wherever you go.” Jesus replied, “Foxes have lairs, the birds of the sky have nests, but the Chosen One has nowhere to rest.” To another traveler Jesus said, “Follow me.” The traveler replied, “Let me bury my father first.” Jesus said in return, “Let the dead bury their dead; you go and proclaim the reign of God everywhere.” Yet another traveler approached Jesus in this way: “I’ll be your follower, Rabbi, but first let me say goodbye to my people at home.” Jesus answered, “Whoever puts a hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God.”

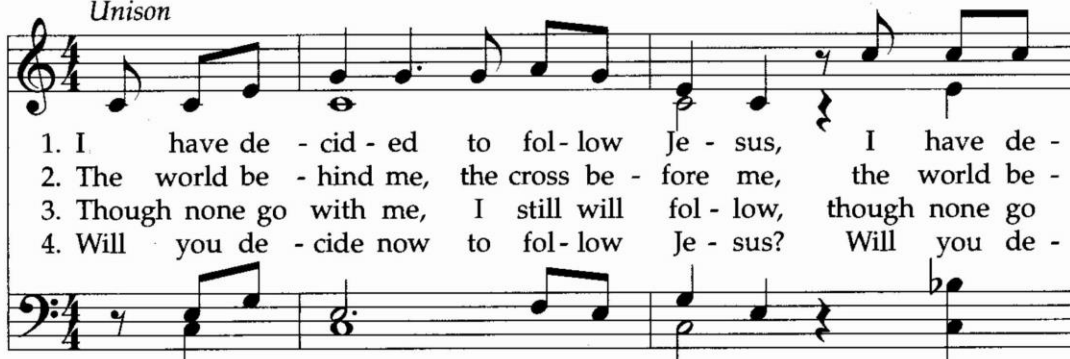
A Word of God that is still speaking,  
Thanks be to God.

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

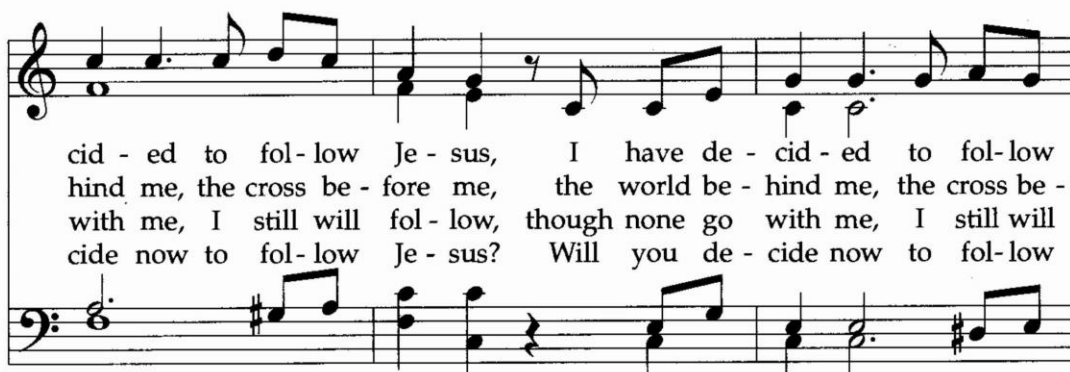
# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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*Unison*



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -  
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go  
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -  
with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will  
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
Je - sus?— No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.