



## 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

Jesse Wittman, Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Liturgist, Rev. Lance Mullins

**July 31, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

**The flowers today are in celebration of the life of Eleanor Backman**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

PRELUDE	Called as Partners in Christ's Service	arr. Baker
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INTROIT	Make Us One	Mayflower Singers
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WELCOME	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
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SONG #12

Come, My People

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Baker

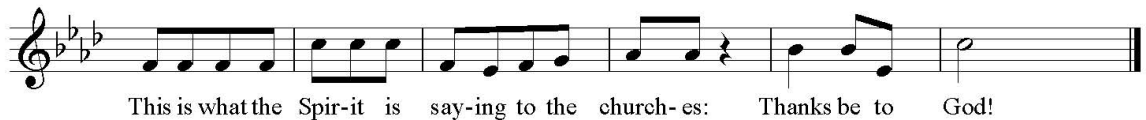
## WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-11

Rev. Lance Mullins

RESPONSE #764



SERMON

Honoring Intersectionality

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #394

In Christ There Is No East or West *New Century Hymnal*

## WE RESPOND

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Gather Us In

Haugen, arr. Baker

## DOXOLOGY #778

Praise God from whom 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)

Spirit of compassion, be near to our hearts. We long to build community that is rich in love and endures through conflict and the slog of the ordinary. Guide us, O God, in learning to bear with one another and in practicing patience with ourselves. Through Christ, may it be 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 #769



CLOSING SONG #539      Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?      *New Century Hymnal*

**WE GO**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Make Us One

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Carter

### **CALLS to SERVE**

*"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

**"Patio Psalms and Prayers"** returns for the months of July and August 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.

### **Congregational Crafters: Calling all knitters, crocheters, sewers and crafters:**

The Indiana/Kentucky Conference of churches have been asked to make prayer shawls for the participants in next year's UCC Synod to be held in Indianapolis in June. Many years ago, we had a similar group from the church that met once a month to craft together and we thought this would be fun to resurrect our creative talents. We will meet at the church at 9:30 on the 4th Saturday of each month between now and then (weather and Covid restrictions permitting). We do have some yarn and patterns, but you are welcome to devise your own method (knitting, sewing, crocheting, quilting, chain mail is right out). Please let Linda Lupton know of your interest in joining the group ([lklupton@aol.com](mailto:lklupton@aol.com), 765-621-5763). **Our first meeting will be August 27th at 9:30 am.**

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

**How to Access our Zoom Gatherings** Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto:cassidy@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/> **Note:** Cash donations of \$1.00 or less are counted as donations to the current Covenant Outreach. Cash of \$5.00 or more should be put in pew envelopes with a designation of Pledge/Contribution, Covenant Outreach, or the specific charity. Unless designated, cash over \$5.00 will go to the church budget.

### 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, July 31	10:00 AM	Patio Psalms and Prayers
Sunday, July 31	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Sunday, July 31	5:00 PM	Celebration of Life for Eleanor R. Backman
Tuesday, August 2	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Tuesday, August 2	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, August 4	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday August 4	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

**Today's Scripture**

## Colossians 3:1-11

1 Since you've been resurrected with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God's right hand. 2 Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things of earth. 3 After all, you died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 But when Christ—who is your life—is revealed, you too will be revealed with Christ in glory. 5 So put to death everything in you that belongs to your old nature: promiscuity, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as idolatry. 6 These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. 7 Your own conduct was once like this, when these things were your very life. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of them all: anger, rage, malice, slander and abusive language. 9 Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds 10 and put on a new self, one that grows in knowledge as it is formed anew in the image of its Creator. 11 And in that image, there is no Greek or Hebrew; no Jew or Gentile; no barbarian or Scythian; no slave or citizen. There is only Christ, who is all in all.

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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