



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, April 13, 2022)

For pastoral care needs while Pastor Sarah is away on vacation July 7-17, please contact the Rev. Worth Hartman. His email is worthgrover@sbcglobal.net and his cell is (317) 417-0806.

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, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Liturgist, Gini Coomer

Worship Leader, Rev. Elizabeth Price

July 17, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

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INTROIT

This is The Day

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG #448

Take My life, God, Let It Be

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

Rev. Elizabeth Price

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

I Love to Tell the Story


WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42

Gini Coomer

RESPONSE #764



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

SERMON

The One Thing Needed

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG #349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(see insert)

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 Christ, in the midst of our worries, you meet us compassionately with a challenge: to trust you, to trust Love, to trust that this faith can hold us. Make us like trees firmly planted by streams of water, able to weather the difficulties of life while still bearing fruit that nourishes and sustains. Nurture our generosity and encourage us in the strength of being together. 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 #160

Listening Now

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Elizabeth Price

RESPONSE

Go Make a Diff'rence

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

LANCASHIRE

CALLS to SERVE

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

Larry and Susan Eckel and family wish to thank the many members of the congregation who have expressed their condolences upon the recent death of Larry's mother, Eleanor Backman. Your kindness and sympathy are deeply appreciated.

"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.

A New Call to Action BEGINS TODAY! Sunday July 17 & 24: We will be writing letters in support of reproductive rights. State and local officials need to hear from YOU! Add your voice for justice! Help bring God's Just Peace to our world, our nation, and our community! Write a letter in the Narthex at your convenience.

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.

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, 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

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

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.
- **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, July 17	10:00 AM	Patio Psalms and Prayers
Sunday, July 17	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, July 19	4:30 PM	WISE Team Meeting
Wednesday, July 6	7:00 PM	Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, July 21	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, July 21	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group

Today's Scripture

Luke 10:38-42

As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words. Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me!" Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You're anxious and upset about so many things, but only a few things are necessary—really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won't be deprived of it."

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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