



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)

Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or 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

Liturgist, Katie Booth

July 3, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser

INTROIT

Be Still and Know

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #451

Be Now My Vision

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE To God Be the Glory

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 66:10-14

Katie Booth

RESPONSE #764



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

SERMON: Honoring the Bodily Autonomy and Agency of Christ, Rev. Dr. Sarah
Lund

SONG #575

O for a World

New Century Hymnal

SONG #788

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

New Century Hymnal

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

RESPONSE

For The Bread, Which You Have Broken

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Love and Justice

Goudey, Paton

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)

God of Restoration, when pain and injustice - ours or others - cries out for attention, remind us of the Sacred capacities we hold within. Through Christ, you revealed the power of your presence with us. May we not be content with only looking into the distance for answered prayers. Make us ever attuned to what we already have within us and around us, asking what you would have us do with the gifts we bear today. 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 #137

Come Sweet Justice

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller, Jackson

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, 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

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 3	10:00 AM	Patio Psalms and Prayers
Sunday, July 3	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, July 5	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Wednesday, July 6	7:00 PM	Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, July 7	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, July 7	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 66:10-14

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
all you who love her;
Exult, exult with her,
all you who were mourning over her!
Oh, that you may suckle fully
of the milk of her comfort,
that you may nurse with delight
at her abundant breasts!”
For thus says YHWH:
“I will spread peace over her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations
like an overflowing torrent.
As nurslings, you will be carried in her arms,
and fondled in her lap;
as a mother comforts her child
so will I comfort you;
in Jerusalem you will find your comfort.”
When you see this, your heart will rejoice,
and your bodies will flourish like the grass.
God’s faithful ones
will see the power of YHWH,
but God’s enemies
will know heaven’s wrath...”

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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