



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

Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume

Liturgist, Linda Lupton

August 7, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #8 (vs. 1, 2, 7, 8)

Come to the Banquet

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 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32-34

Linda Lupton

RESPONSE #764



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

SERMON

God is Making Change

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #436

God of Grace and God of Glory *New Century Hymnal*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

RESPONSE

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lift Every Voice and Sing Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume

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)

Holy One, through Christ, you have taught us to chase after love. May we not be discouraged by the obstacles we face like walls that barricade, unjust laws that harm, and unspoken barriers that threaten. Make us steadfast, O God, in our pursuit of all that is good - for our friends and neighbors, strangers and enemies. 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 #347 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ *New Century Hymnal*

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Creator God, Creating Still

CALLS to SERVE

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

"Patio Psalms and Prayers" returns while Adult Ed takes a break this August. 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.

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

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: 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.
- **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, August 7	10:00 AM	Patio Psalms and Prayers
Sunday, August 7	11:00 AM	Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, August 9	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 10	4:00 PM	Worship and Faith Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 10	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday August 11	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Luke 12:32-34

“Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Abba to give you the kingdom. “Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people. Make purses for yourselves that don’t wear out—treasures that won’t fail you, in heaven that thieves can’t steal and moths can’t destroy. For wherever your treasure is, that’s where your heart will be.”

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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