



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 worship service. We believe we are called 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.**

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
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Choir Director, Julie Houston

We celebrate our church leadership:

Alice Rutherford, Moderator
Larry Eckel, Vice Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Taylor Franklin & Trevor Franklin, Worship Leaders
Mayflower Quartette
Jesse Wittman, string bass
Mike Kessler, percussion
Julie Houston, flute and soloist

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

JUNE 21, 2020

11:00 A.M.

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	Night Flower	Mancini, arr. Baker
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Taylor & Trevor Franklin
Come, all who feel discouraged. Come, all who feel lonely.		
Come now to worship. God is with us.		
Come, all who long for comfort. Come, all who miss being together.		
Come now to worship. Jesus is our friend.		
Come, all who are afraid. Come, all who are hurting.		
Come now to worship. The Holy Spirit welcomes us into God's family where we are known and we are loved.		

OPENING HYMN	God's Eye Is on the Sparrow (vs. 1,2)	
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*THE PEACE
Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

MISSION MOMENT		
MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Julie Houston
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 10:24-39	Taylor & Trevor Franklin
SERMON	"Don't Be Afraid"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SPECIAL MUSIC	Songbird	McGlohon

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

INTERLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly.

*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.

WE GO

CLOSING HYMN

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow (vs. 3)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Children of God

Martin, arr. Baker

Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Zoom Coffee Hour – Immediately following worship, everyone is invited for coffee hour via Zoom. (For the link, see “How to Access our Zoom Gatherings” below.)

June Mission of the Month: Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light - HIPL is an interfaith organization dedicated to advocating for sustainable living and changes to protect God’s creation of life on this earth, both human and others. Its mission is to educate congregations on sustainable living practices that will reduce our carbon footprint, and promote the use of renewable energy resources. The organization is funded primarily from contributions from its member congregations and additional support is always needed to continue the work of improving the care for creation advocated by almost all major religious teachings. Please send a check to the church with MOM: HIPL in the memo line, or donate online at: <http://fcindy.org/online-giving/> (Please designate MOM: HIPL in your online giving).

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah: Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Join us for our weekly “Soul-Care with Pastor Sarah” a time for church members to check-in, reflect on Richard Rohr’s weekly meditations, and to pray together. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84830474505?pwd=Ny9oeE84a0lpcTUrWHU2dUhFVUZZQT09>

Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health, Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – The Spiritual Support Group is open to all with mental illness and those living with mental illness loved one. It is open to you, neighbors, friends & acquaintances. This group will meet every Thursday via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

Food Drive for the Northside Pantry - On **Saturday, 6/20, from 10 am – 2 pm**, and then every other Saturday (7/4, 7/18, 8/1), let’s help fight poverty and hunger through our food donations. We will meet on the outside church patio. Bring dry and canned goods, as well as personal care items (soap, deodorant, etc). You can also bring your plastic bottle caps and paper for recycling. In future communications, we will let you know of particularly desired items. Per new church policy on in-person gatherings, only 10 people may participate (physically distanced) at a time, so please contact Wendy Baldwin if you are interested in helping.

PRIDE Festival: Sunday, June 21, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. - First Congregational will have a one minute video in this year's PRIDE festival, which will be a virtual event held on SUNDAY, JUNE 21 from 2:00 to 9:00 pm. Note that this is a new day than previously advertised. To watch Virtual Pride, google: IndyPride.org/Live
Even though you might be asked to click a box for tickets, this is not necessary; however, you can make a donation to PRIDE through that link.
We will also make the video available through our facebook page and website.

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: www.fcindy.org

Continue Your Support of First Congregational UCC - Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

FC Emergency Fund - The FC Emergency Fund is available to support housing, food, and medical needs for any of our church family who find themselves unemployed or underemployed due to Covid-19 impacts. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012. To make a donation, send a check to the church with "emergency fund" on the memo or make a donation on the church website.



This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, June 21	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, June 21	2:00 p.m.	PRIDE Festival
Tuesday, June 23	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Tuesday, June 23	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (see announcement above for zoom link)
Thursday, June 25	11:30 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, June 25	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, June 25	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health
Friday, June 26	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Design Team
Sunday, June 28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, June 28	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, & Dial In) – ONA Sunday
Sunday, June 28	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, June 28	3:00 p.m.	IN-KY Conference Annual Community Worship

*All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTK5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

Meeting ID: 926 449 4206

Password: 7171

If you click on the URL, you should not need to enter in the Meeting ID and Password.

To dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID 926 449 4206, Password 7171.

IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE **BLACK LIVES MATTER**
LOVE IS LOVE NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS
SCIENCE IS REAL ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY & GOOD
RELIGION IS A CHOICE KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING
INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE

Today's Scripture

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. ²⁵ The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader. “If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household! ²⁶ “Don’t let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops.

²⁸ “Don’t fear those who can deprive the body of life but can’t destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna. ²⁹ “Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God’s knowledge. ³⁰ As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. ³¹ So don’t be afraid of anything—you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows.

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. ³³ Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven. ³⁴ “Don’t suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ I have come to turn ‘A son against his father, a daughter against her mother, in-law against in-law.

³⁶ One’s enemies will be the members of one’s own household.’ ³⁷ “Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me are not worthy of me. ³⁸ Those who will not carry with them the instrument of their own death—following in my footsteps—are not worthy of me. ³⁹ “You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your life for my sake will find it.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 734). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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