



## 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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

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**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:**

Faye Pudlo & Sean Baker, Worship Leaders  
Wendy Baldwin & Bob Cook, participants  
New Creation Ensemble  
Mayflower Quartette  
Jesse Wittman, string bass  
Mike Kessler, percussion

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**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)

JUNE 28, 2020

ONA SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

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

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE Ode to Joy Beethoven, arr. Baker

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Faye Pudlo & Sean Baker

We come today, representing all the majesty of creation  
**Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, all made in the image of the Creator of all things.**

We come today, called to this time and this place by an infinite God  
**Who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.**

We come today, Transgender, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Intersex, Gay, Queer, Ally  
**We come today, knowing you will listen and answer our needs.**

We come today, to deliver our joined prayers of hope.  
**We come today, a people mourning still our losses, still recovering from the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic and the pandemic of institutionalized racism that has plagued our world for too many centuries.**

We come today, knowing you care for us  
**We come today, knowing that even when others reject us, your arms are open to offer comfort. We come.**

OPENING HYMN Dream God's Dream (vs.1 & 2) Sirchio

\*THE PEACE  
*Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.*

## WE PROCLAIM

GENEROSITY MOMENT Wendy Baldwin

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

ANTHEM You Are Welcome Here DeMan

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

“The Rejected and Thirsty Savior”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**WE RESPOND**

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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

HISTORY OF UCC ONA COALITION

Bob Cook

UNISON PRAYER

Faye Pudlo & Sean Baker

**God, your child Jesus taught us to welcome each other, but welcome often seems too little in this world.**

**Welcome, without affirmation, becomes an empty promise, devoid of the lesson that to truly welcome each other means to see the face of God in each other. We commit to affirm all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, welcoming them and affirming them as God’s beloved creations.**

**You taught us that whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will see a prophet’s reward; that whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous.**

**We know that until we are all free, none of us can be free, and we commit to co-creating that world of welcome and affirmation until all people can access that promise. Amen.**

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

Spirit of the Living God

Iverson, arr. Baker

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

Dream God's Dream (v.3)

Sirchio

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Anon., 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.)

**TODAY! IKC UCC Community Worship, 3:00 p.m.** – You are invited to worship together online this afternoon with clergy and lay people throughout the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ. The worship service may be found on the IKC YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/YouTubeIKC>.

**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>

**Publications** - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: [www.fcindy.org](http://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](mailto: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

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| <b>Sunday, June 28</b>   | <b>11:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday, June 28</b>   | <b>3:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>IKC UCC Community Worship (IKC UCC YouTube)</b>                        |
| <b>Tuesday, June 30</b>  | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Worship &amp; Design Team</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, June 30</b>  | <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (see announcement above for Zoom link)</b> |
| <b>Wednesday, July 1</b> | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Calling Circle</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, July 2</b>  | <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health</b>                          |
| <b>Friday, July 3</b>    | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Worship &amp; Design Team</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, July 4</b>  | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Food Drive (outside FC)</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, July 5</b>    | <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Sunday Adult Worship</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, July 5</b>    | <b>11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship w/ guest preacher, Rev. Chad Abbott</b>                        |
| <b>Sunday, July 5</b>    | <b>11:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Coffee Hour</b>  |

\*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 10:40-42

<sup>40</sup> "Those who welcome you also welcome me, and those who welcome me welcome the One who sent me. <sup>41</sup> "Those who welcome prophets just because they are prophets will receive the reward reserved for the prophets themselves; those who welcome holy people just because they are holy will receive the reward of the holy ones. <sup>42</sup> "The truth is, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones just for being a disciple will not lack a reward."

*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 646). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*



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