



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:

Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey & Sandy Wood, Worship Leaders
Mayflower Quartette
Mike Kessler, percussion
Jesse Wittman, string bass

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

JULY 19, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE	You Are the Seed	Gabaraín
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey & Sandy Wood
You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;		
You're a star that will shine in the night;		
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt,		
You are a beacon to glow in the dark.		
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;		
You're the wheat that will bear golden grain;		
Come let us worship God		

OPENING HYMN	I Love to Tell the Story (v. 1 & 2)	
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*THE PEACE		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
<i>Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.</i>		

WE PROCLAIM

MISSION MOMENT: Underneath It All		Sandy Wood
MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Sandy Wood & Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey
SERMON	Coexist in Christ	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

INTERLUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (with Refrain)

Go, my friends, go to the world, pro-claim - ing love to all.

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.

WE GO

CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story (v. 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

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



CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship - (See Zoom link below.)

July Mission of the Month: Underneath It All - This mission provides underwear and school uniforms for children in IHN/Family Promise Aftercare. The Aftercare Program of Family Promise helps homeless families who get housing remain housed. Our donations to Underneath It All help ease their school budgets each fall by providing a uniform for each school aged child in the Aftercare Program. Make checks out to First Congregational United Church of Christ with Underneath It All in the memo line or donate online at <http://fcindy.org/online-giving/> (Please designate “MOM: Underneath It All” in your online giving). Thanks so much for your generosity with this ministry in the past and in this unprecedented year. For questions or help with this ministry, please contact me csjwood@att.net 317-863-8238 (home) or 317-225-6206 (cell).

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

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 on Zoom at First Congregational

Sunday, July 19	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (or immediately after worship)
Sunday, July 19	1:00 p.m.	PCRC (Pastor Carol)
Tuesday, July 21	1:00 p.m.	Worship Design Team
Tuesday, July 21	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle
Tuesday, July 21	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (see announcement <u>above</u> for zoom link)
Wednesday, July 22	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, July 23	11:30 a.m.	Women's Lunch Bunch
Thursday, July 23	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, July 23	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health
Friday, July 24	1:00 p.m.	Worship Design Team
Sunday, July 26	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, July 26	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, July 26	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (or immediately after 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.

Today's Scripture

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to those gathered: "The kingdom of heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in a field. ²⁵ While everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then made off. ²⁶ When the crop began to mature and yield grain, the weeds became evident as well. ²⁷ The farmer's workers came and asked, 'Did you not sow good seed in your field? Where are the weeds coming from?' ²⁸ The farmer replied, 'I see an enemy's hand in this.' They in turn asked, 'Do you want us to go out and pull them up?' ²⁹ 'No,' replied the farmer, 'if you pull up the weeds, you might take the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let them grow together until the harvest, then at harvest time I will order the harvesters first to collect the weeds and bundle them up to burn, then to gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. The disciples also came in and said, "Explain the parable about the weeds in the field." ³⁷ Jesus answered, "The farmer sowing the good seed is the Chosen one, ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed, the citizens of the kingdom. The weeds are the followers of the Evil One, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world, while the harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰ Just as weeds are collected and burned, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Chosen One will send the angels who will weed out the kingdom of everything that causes sin and all who act lawlessly. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ But those who are just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Abba God. Let those who have ears to hear, hear this!"

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 648). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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