



## 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

**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:**

Meagan Johnson, worship leader & soloist  
Alice Rutherford, participant  
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)

**AUGUST 16, 2020**

**11:00 A.M.**

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE	O Sing a Song of Bethlehem	
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
CALL TO WORSHIP	Be still and Know <i>Be still and know that I am God.</i>	Meagan Johnson
THE PEACE		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
	<i>Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.</i>	
OPENING SONG	Come to the Waters	Strachan, arr. Baker

**WE PROCLAIM**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Alice Rutherford
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 14:22-33	Meagan Johnson
SERMON	"Take Heart"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**WE RESPOND**

INTERLUDE	I Believe in One God	Kimball
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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.

## WE GO

CLOSING HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Be Still and Know

Bell

POSTLUDE

Come to the Waters

Strachan, arr. Baker

*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.)

**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 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>

**Men's Lunch – Thursday, August 20th, 1:00 p.m.** - This lunch and discussion gathering for men of First Congregational meets every other Thursday at 1 p.m. Please contact Randy Walker at (317) 796-2081 or [aa28977rwalker@gmail.com](mailto:aa28977rwalker@gmail.com) for more information.

**Family Promise: Apartment Furnishings & Housewares Needed** - As part of our Just Peace Ministries, FCC is participating in a drive to help furnish 1 of 10 apartments for the homeless. These are leased by Family Promise through a new grant they received. A list of needed items will be shared via a link to signup genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEA822A0FAC52-apartment>), where you can sign up online for what you can donate. You can also email or call me, and I will sign you up on the webpage. Used items in good condition from your home or from Goodwill are welcome, as well as new items. Contact Janet Selby with any questions: 317 873 9539, [janet.selby@gmail.com](mailto:janet.selby@gmail.com)

**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 on Zoom at First Congregational**

<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Faith</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 18</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Circle</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 18</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Witness &amp; Welcome</b>
<b>Thursday, August 20</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Men's Lunch (Memorial Garden)</b>
<b>Thursday, August 20</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health</b>
<b>Sunday, August 23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, August 23</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship (YouTube, FB, &amp; Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, August 23</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</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.

## Today's Scripture

### Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. <sup>23</sup> Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. <sup>24</sup> Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds. <sup>25</sup> At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. <sup>27</sup> Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it's me! Don't be afraid!" <sup>28</sup> Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come!" Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You have so little faith!" Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed God's own!"

*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 649). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*



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