



## 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:  
leadership:**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle  
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott  
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker  
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall  
Secretary

**We celebrate our church**

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

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Rev. Worth Hartman, worship leader  
Just Peace Intern Maddy Vaughn, worship leader  
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall, worship leader  
Mayflower Quartette  
Jesse Wittman, string bass  
Mike Kessler, percussion

**OCTOBER 18, 2020**

**11:00 A.M.**

**WE GATHER**

GATHERING MUSIC	Compositions	Sean Baker
INTROIT	Metta Prayer	
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
CALL TO WORSHIP		Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
JUST PEACE SUNDAY MESSAGE		Rev. Mike Neuroth
OPENING SONG #113	Love and Justice	Mayflower Quartette
PASSING OF THE PEACE		Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
<i>Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.</i>		

**WE PROCLAIM**

ANTHEM	Let There Be Peace On Earth	Mayflower Quartette
SCRIPTURE	Deuteronomy 16:18-21	Rev. Worth Hartman
MESSAGE	"Just Peace for US Democracy 2020"	Rev. Worth Hartman
POEM	"I Dream A World" by Langston Hughes	Just Peace Intern, Maddy Vaughn
INTERLUDE	Linger with a Peaceful Heart	Sean Baker

JUST PEACE INTERN MESSAGE

Just Peace Intern Maddy Vaughn

## WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (*UCC Book of Worship*)

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Hear Our Prayer, O God”

Mayflower Quartette

## WE GO

PEACE BENEDICTION

“World Peace Prayer”

Rev. Worth Hartman

Lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,  
from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our  
world, our universe. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Lift Every Voice & Sing Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume  
v. 1 solo; v. 2 & 3 congregational

*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 followed by All Church Check In Buzz at 12:30 p.m.** - (See Zoom link under “This Week...”)

Grab your lunch and join in some conversation around how much we all miss being physically together, as we consider the time when we’ll once again gather together in our sanctuary. We’ll review Council’s current policy on indoor gatherings, along with public health guidelines that undergird the decisions involved in that policy-making. (Use this link to view the data we’re following: [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov). Click on “Indiana Covid-19 Dashboard and Map” at the top of the home page.) We’ll also share responses from last month’s survey. There will be ample opportunity for all to share feelings and desires to provide input to Council’s ongoing discussions of how best to meet our members’ needs.

**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. *Please note this is a different Zoom link from others used by FC:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84830474505?pwd=Ny9oeE84a0lpcTUrWHU2dUhfVUZZQT09>

**Outdoor Vespers Service – Tuesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m.** – Each Tuesday evening, you can join us on the church patio for a quiet time to be together, ponder scripture, and share our joys and concerns. Bring a chair and face mask as we spend some precious time with one another, and practice our love by keeping

distant and wearing face coverings. Note: if the weather is threatening, the event will be cancelled, since we cannot run into the building to take cover.

**Wellness Wednesdays, 10:30AM (See Zoom Link below)** – Next Wednesday, October 21, we will nurture our physical wellness through mindful movement meditations. This Zoom session will be recorded for posting on the FC Facebook page and website.

**Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health Conditions, Challenges, and Wellness -**

**Every Thursday, 5 - 6pm (See Zoom link below)** Led by Pastor Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund and Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey - We openly invite anyone seeking spiritual care for their well-being. We covenant with care givers for those with mental illness, those needing renewal, are burned-out, fearful, emotional, stigmatized or having disorders — all is confidential. You do not have to be alone with your struggles or journey.

**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.

**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)



## This Week at First Congregational

<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Just Peace Sunday Worship (YouTube, Facebook, &amp; Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Check In</b>
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SE Association Ordination &amp; Installation of Terry Daniel</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 20</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Circle</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 20</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 20</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Vespers Service</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Wellness Wednesday</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Women's Lunch Bunch</b>
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group</b>
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mental Health First Aid</b>
<b>Sunday, October 25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
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**\*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

### Deuteronomy 16:18-21

<sup>18</sup> Appoint judges and officials for yourselves, within all your gates, in each of the towns that YHWH gives to you. They are to judge fairly <sup>19</sup> and never pervert justice or show partiality. They must never accept bribes, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and endangers the cause of the righteous. <sup>20</sup> Follow the path of justice, and justice only, so that you might live, dwell on the land that YHWH gives to you. <sup>21</sup> Do not set up wooden Asherah poles near the altar you build to YHWH, your God, <sup>22</sup> nor any standing stones, for these are detestable to YHWH.

*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 367). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*



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