



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
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, Maddy Vaughn

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:

Mayflower Quartette - Jesse Wittman, string bass - Mike Kessler, percussion

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

Mayflower Quartette

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE GO

CLOSING HYMN I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (vs. 3)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Be Still and Know

Bell

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints

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 on Zoom

TODAY! NEW! Outdoor Vespers, 4:30-5:00pm – Each Sunday afternoon, 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.

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>

NEW! Zoom Vespers Service - Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m. - With lessening daylight and colder weather, we are exploring ways to continue the fellowship we have shared the past few months. On Tuesdays, we will meet at 7 pm for a half hour on Zoom, to be together virtually.

Wellness Wednesdays – Next Wednesday, November 4th, choose your own time to pause during the day and practice mindfulness through a brief, pre-recorded video. This video will be posted on the FC Facebook page and website.

Spiritual Support Group - 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 caregivers for those with mental health challenges and needing emotional

health support (burned-out, fearful, emotional, stigmatized or having disorders). All is confidential. You do not have to be alone with your struggles or journey.

The Mission of the Month for November: Christmas Fund - The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Over the past nine months, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the emergency financial needs of many who serve the church have increased dramatically. In such a time as this, the need for the Christmas Fund is more urgent than ever.

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.

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

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, Nov 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Nov 1	11:00 a.m.	Communion Sunday - outside and in person at FC
Sunday, Nov 1	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 1	4:30 p.m.	Outdoor Vespers at FC
Tuesday, Nov 3	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care w/ Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, Nov 3	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Wednesday, Nov 4		Wellness Wednesday
Wednesday, Nov 4	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Wednesday, Nov 5	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, Nov 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Ed
Sunday, Nov 8	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, Dial In, & FB)
Sunday, Nov 8	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 8	12:30 p.m.	Book Buzz
Sunday, Nov 8	4:30 p.m.	Outdoor Vespers

***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 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered around, ² Jesus began to teach them:

³ “Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled. ⁵ Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their fill. ⁷ Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are those whose hearts are clean: they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: the kingdom of heaven is theirs. ¹¹ “You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you, and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. ¹² Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2209-2210). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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