



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

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Baker

INTROIT Grateful Tomaszek

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING HYMN #143 Grateful Tomaszek, arr. Baker

THE PEACE Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46 Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON "Giving to God" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS
We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

INTERLUDE Come, O Thankful People, Come

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

WE GO

CLOSING MEDITATION

We Gather Together

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grateful

Tomaszeck

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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 followed by the **Book Buzz at 12:30 p.m.**

TODAY! 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: *Outdoor vespers will not be held if the temperature is below 50, it is raining, OR the winds are above 20 mph.*

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>

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, 10:30 a.m. (Zoom) – On Wednesday, November 25th join us as we nurture our *spiritual wellness* through a celebration of autumn, its gifts and lessons. We will celebrate this season of gratitude through *scripture, storytelling, prayer, meditation, and movement*. This Zoom will be recorded and posted on the FC Facebook page and website.

Spiritual Support Group – No Spiritual Support Group this Thursday (Thanksgiving), but Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey will be available for support via phone (317-625-6801) or email (plainandfancy1963@att.net) during the usual group time of 5:00 – 6:00PM.

The Mission of the Month for November: Faith In Indiana

Faith in Indiana helps churches to more actively address local social needs. In Indianapolis, the current action agenda includes addressing the issues of gun violence, mass incarceration, immigrant justice, economic dignity, healthcare, and voting rights. Faith in Indiana provides an opportunity to work with other churches and have a greater voice and impact than if we acted alone. Faith in Indiana acts in the spirit of our Church's historical mission to join with others in faith to address the needs of others in our local community.

For more information, go to: <https://faithinindiana.org/what-we-do/>. To

contribute to this effort, write a check to First Congregational, and designate Faith in IN in the Memo line, or go to <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/> .

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 22	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Nov 22	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 22	12:30 p.m.	Book Buzz
Sunday, Nov 22	3:00 p.m.	Outreach & Service
Sunday, Nov 22	4:30 p.m.	Outdoor Vespers
Tuesday, Nov 24	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle
Tuesday, Nov 24	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care w/ Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, Nov 24	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Wednesday, Nov 25	10:30 a.m.	Wellness Wednesday
Thursday, Nov 26	3:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Day Zoom Gathering
Sunday, Nov 29	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Nov 29	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Nov 29	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 29	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 25:31-46

³¹ “At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, ³² with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. ³³ The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left. ³⁴ “The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! ³⁵ For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; ³⁶ naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ Then these just will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? ³⁹ When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then the ruler will say to those on the left, ‘Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! ⁴² I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they in turn will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison, and not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ The answer will come, ‘The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life.”

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2257-2258). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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