



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, David Clark

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

JANUARY 17, 2020

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE	We Shall Overcome	Trad., arr. Baker
INTROIT	Shine, Jesus, Shine	Kendrick, arr. Baker
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
CALL TO WORSHIP		
OPENING SONG #570	We Shall Overcome	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
THE PEACE		
<i>Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.</i>		

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES	1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom	
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 139:1-18	Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	"Held in God's Hands"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #120	Dream God's Dream	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i>

WE RESPOND

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

INTERLUDE	Hush!	Martin
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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 SONG #576 For the Healing of the Nations *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Carry the Light

Moylan, arr. Baker

POSTLUDE

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

Trad., 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

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.

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (Zoom) - Join us on **Tuesdays** from **7:30-8:30pm.** for a time to check-in and to pray together.

Wellness Wednesday, 10:30am (Zoom) - On Wednesday, January 20th, you are invited to participate in a practice of nurturing wellness through a practice of entering into the heart of winter.

Spiritual Support Group, Thursdays at 5:00pm (Zoom) – This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well being. Contact Pat Larracey at plainandfancy1963@att.net, or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

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 by mailing your check to the church or through online giving at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

FC Emergency Fund - The FC Emergency Fund is available to support financial needs for any of our church family who find themselves in need. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012.

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, Jan 17	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Jan 17	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Jan 17	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, Jan 19	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle
Tuesday, Jan 19	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Tuesday, Jan 19	7:30 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wednesday, Jan 20	10:30 a.m.	Wellness Wednesday
Thursday, Jan 21	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, Jan 24	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Jan 24	11:00 a.m.	Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Jan 24	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour

***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

Psalm 139:1-18

¹ YHWH, you've searched me,
and you know me.

² You know if I am standing or sitting,
you read my thoughts from far away.

³ whether I walk or lie down, you are watching;
you are intimate with all of my ways.

⁴ A word is not even on my tongue, YHWH,
before you know what it is:

⁵ you hem me in, before and behind,
shielding me with your hand.

⁶ such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
a height my mind cannot reach!

⁷ where could I run from your spirit?
where could I flee from your presence?

⁸ if I go up to the heavens, you're there;
if I make my bed in Death, you're already there.

⁹ I could fly away with wings made of dawn,
or make my home on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ but even there your hand will guide me,
your mighty hand holding me fast.

¹¹ if I say, "The darkness will hide me,
and night will be my only light,"

¹² even darkness won't be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day—
darkness and light are the same to you.

¹³ You created my inmost being
and stitched me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ For all these mysteries I thank you—
for the wonder of myself,

for the wonder of your works—
my soul knows it well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
while I was being made in that secret place,
knitted together in the depths of the earth;

¹⁶ your eyes saw my body even there.

All of my days
were written in your book,
all of them planned
before even the first of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious your thoughts are to me, O God!

How impossible to number them!

¹⁸ I could no more count them
than I could count the sand.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 1433-1434). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.