



## 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).

**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:**

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

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Quartette    New Creation Ensemble    Plymouth Players  
Meagan Johnson, soloist

**March 7, 2021**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Welcome to this House

Cowen, arr. Baker

INTROIT

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

OPENING PRAYER

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

LITANY

LITANY RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

OPENING SONG #123

Draw the Circle Wide

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

*Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.*

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:14-29

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

“Loving the Questions and Embracing the Doubt”

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

SERMON RESPONSE

Meagan Johnson

## WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are Welcome Here    New Creation Ensemble

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.

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

## WE GO

CLOSING SONG #423

Great Is Your Faithfulness

*New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Children of God

Martin, 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! Congregational Meeting Today at 12:30 PM (Zoom)** to discuss the Shared Leadership Proposal.

**Lenten Devotionals** - There is a Lenten Devotional for each family to pick up at the church. If you need your devotional delivered or mailed to your home, please contact Wendy Baldwin.

### **Southeast Association Virtual Lenten Series: Highlighting and Celebrating our Chaplains**

When: Saturdays from 10-11AM (3/13, 3/20)

What: Stories from active chaplains serving in ministry, questions and answers, and time for community prayers

Why: To Build Community in the Southeast Association as we seek to love and serve like Jesus

Who: Everyone from the Southeast Association is invited to join us

Where: On the Indiana-Kentucky Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81305889617?pwd=dVNMTXRpdE12M0lRcDREcUJDVxQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 0588 9617      Passcode: 661797

### **Zoom Vespers on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Join us on Zoom for a time of togetherness, Scripture, and sharing of joys and concerns.

**Soul Care with Pastor Sarah via Zoom-** Join us after Zoom Vespers

on **Tuesdays at 7:30p.m.** Simply stick around after vespers for a time to check-in and to pray together.

**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](mailto:plainandfancy1963@att.net), or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org), or 386-478-9012.

**Lenten Lunch & Learn (Zoom) – Wednesdays from 12-1pm (2/17 – 3/31)**

Join us for a seven week study as we explore “A New Day” with poet Sonia Sanchez. You are welcome to join to eat your lunch and listen as we gather to learn from videos of Sonia and others from The Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership. Questions? Email Student Pastor Cassidy Hall at [studentpastor@fcindy.org](mailto:studentpastor@fcindy.org)

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

**Members In Need Fund** - The Members In Need 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](mailto: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](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

Sunday, March 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 7	11:00 a.m.	Communion Sunday Worship w/ Student Pastor Cassidy Hall (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, March 7	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, March 7	12:30 p.m.	Special Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, March 9	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Tuesday, March 9	7:30 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wed, March 10	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch & Learn
Wed, March 10	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, March 11	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, March 11	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, March 13	10:00 a.m.	SE Association Virtual Lenten Series
Sunday, March 14	-----	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – Spring Forward!
Sunday, March 14	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 14	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, March 14	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

### Mark 9:14-29

<sup>14</sup> The disciples of John the Baptizer came to Jesus and said, “Why is it that while we and the Pharisees fast, your disciples don’t?” <sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “How can the guests at a wedding feast mourn while they are still all together? The time will come when the guests will be left alone; then they will fast. <sup>16</sup> “No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth onto an old cloak, because the patch will pull away from the cloak and the tear will get worse. <sup>17</sup> Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins—if they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out, and the skins will be ruined. No, they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.” <sup>18</sup> As Jesus was speaking, a synagogue official came up, knelt down and said, “My daughter has just died. But if you come and lay hands on her, she will live.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with the official, and so did the disciples. <sup>20</sup> As they were going along, a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the hem of his cloak; <sup>21</sup> she was saying to herself, “If only I can touch his cloak, I will be healed.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned around and saw her. “Courage, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” That very moment the woman was healed. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus arrived at the house of the synagogue official, a noisy crowd had gathered, and the flute players who served as mourners had already arrived. <sup>24</sup> When he saw them he said, “Get out! The child is not dead—only asleep.” They all laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put out, he entered and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> And the news spread throughout the countryside. <sup>27</sup> As Jesus moved on from Capernaum, two blind people followed and cried out, “Heir to the House of David, have pity on us!” <sup>28</sup> When Jesus reached his lodgings, they caught up with him. Jesus said to them, “Do you believe I can do this?” They said, “Yes, Rabbi.” <sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, “Because of your faith, it will be done to you.”