



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:

Senior Councilors: Steve Coomer, *Larry Eckel, Alice Rutherford
Clerk: Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey
Treasurer: Jim Lootens
Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dillenback

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

David Clark, preacher Sean Baker, liturgist Mayflower Quartette

APRIL 25, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Thomerson,
arr. Baker

INTROIT New Life Dyer, Blain

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *enfleshed*)

How do we come to know the love of God?

Not through word or speech alone!

The love of God is truth and action.

Embodied and incarnate.

Tangibly turning the world on end,

Their love is bold and brave.

Manifesting materially, that life may thrive today,

Their presence is a force.

Love is felt. Love is witnessed.

Love is experienced and encountered.

Thanks be to God who dwells in the flesh of the kind and the just.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 23

Sean Baker & Just Peace Intern David Clark

The musical score is for Psalm 23, set in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It features a Unison melody on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "God re - stores my soul and leads me in right paths." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. Above the treble staff, there are chord markings: Eb, Bb/Eb, Ab/Eb, and Eb. The word "Unison" is written above the first measure of the treble staff.

OPENING SONG #451

Be Now My Vision (vs. 1,2) *New Century Hymnal*

LITANY OF PEACE (from *enfleshed*)

God, so many people are in pain.

Teach us the way to peace.

When people around us don't agree and think differently,

Teach us to listen and try to understand.

When we see people getting hurt,

Teach us to speak up.

When we see people treated poorly because of their skin color, or language,
or religious belief,

Teach us to be an example of love and acceptance.

When we see war and conflict,

Teach us how to make a difference and seek peace.

When we see pain,

Teach us to bring healing,

When we feel confused and afraid,

Remind us to talk to our friends, our family and to you.

In our lives, our neighborhoods and the world,

Teach us to pray and teach us the way of peace.

THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

WE PROCLAIM

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Just Peace Intern David Clark

SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18

Sean Baker

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Just Peace Intern David Clark

SONG #451

Be Now My Vision (vs. 3,4) *New Century Hymnal*

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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

INTERLUDE

Meditation

D. Wagner

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

David Clark

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

Earth and All Stars (*dedicated to Donald Clark*)

BENEDICTION

Just Peace Intern David Clark

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Because He Lives

Gaither

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm, 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! Buzz at 12:30PM (Zoom) – The first half of the Buzz will be a conversation with our Just Peace Intern, David Clark. The second half will be a discussion about re-opening.

TODAY! SE Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 25th at 3:00pm (IKC Zoom) - We will be electing officers and hear from the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson who is the Associate General Minister and Administrator of General Synod.

Morning Prayer Sits on Mondays from 10-10:20 a.m. (Zoom) - Join Student Pastor Cassidy Hall in April for Monday morning prayer sits. She will read a poem or blessing and then enter into silent prayer together.

Vespers (Outdoor/Zoom) on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of togetherness, Scripture, and sharing of joys and concerns. When weather conditions allow, Vespers will be outdoors at the church at 7 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and wear a mask. We will also try to connect to Zoom for those unable to attend in person. We will NOT meet outdoors if the temperature is below 50 degrees, it's raining, or winds are greater than 20 mph; you can join us on Zoom.

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.

Outreach & Service - Throughout April, Family Promise is promoting a #NightWithoutABed campaign to provide sheltering apartments for homeless families. \$15,000 raised from Indianapolis congregations will provide one rented apartment for 12 months. Many families are able to rent on their own after a short time in an apartment provided by Family Promise. Through the rest of April we are requesting a special donation specifically to Family Promise, through either online giving or checks sent to the church. Let's see how much First Congregational can donate to this worthy project as a way of living out our Just Peace covenant! Learn more at [Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis | Facebook](#) and [Family Promise](#)

May Mental Health Sunday & Buzz – For Mental Health Sunday in May, we will have the opportunity to hear from the author of *Christ on the Psych Ward*, David Finnegan-Hosey. In preparation for this conversation, there is a cart containing the books and a sign-up for pick-up in the hallway by the garden door. If you wish to have a book delivered to you, and there are books available, please let Sandy Wood know.

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/>

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 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



**Are you ready to get back to
the people and activities you love?**

Your vaccination brings us one day closer
to controlling the pandemic and
reopening Church.

Get your vaccine ASAP!

Register at ourshot.in.gov or call 211.

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, April 25	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class (Zoom)
Sunday, April 25	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Just Peace Intern David Clark preaching (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 25	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, April 25	12:30 p.m.	Buzz: Just Peace + Re-opening
Sunday, April 25	3:00 p.m.	Southeast Association Meeting (IKC Zoom)
Monday, April 26	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Sit w/ Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Tuesday, April 27	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, April 28	5:00 p.m.	WISE Mental Health Team (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 28	6:30 p.m.	Calling Circle (IKC Zoom)
Thursday, April 29	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch Bunch (Zoom)
Thursday, April 29	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Friday, April 30	6:00 p.m.	Friday Fun Night (outside at FC)
Saturday, May 1	10:00 a.m.	Food Drive (outside at FC)
Sunday, May 2	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class (Zoom)
Sunday, May 2	11:00 a.m.	Communion Sunday Worship with Student Pastor Cassidy Hall preaching (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 2	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

John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd would die for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by the wolf. ¹³ That's because the hired hand works only for pay and has no concern for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me, ¹⁵ in the same way Abba God knows me and I know God—and for these sheep I will lay down my life. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that don't belong to this fold—I must lead them too, and they will hear my voice. And then there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ This is why Abba God loves me—because I lay down my life, only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes my life from me; I lay it down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. This command I received from my Abba.”

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2408-2409). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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