



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

April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Trad., arr. Thomas

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WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING PRAYER Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

God meets us at the sites of life's bleakest encounters.
God captures our attention from the grips of despair.

Hope catches us by surprise, in miracles ordinary and extravagant.
In the way something holy lingers, even after death.
In the people's persistence toward liberation of life.
In companionship through sorrow, no one left alone.

Faithfully, love rises to reassure us: Christ lives!
God is alive. God is with us. We rejoice!

OPENING SONG #233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *New Century Hymnal*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Easter Aria & Chorale Bach

WE PROCLAIM

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

LESSONS and CAROLS

- 1 Corinthians 15:53-57
Song #242 The Strife Is O'er (vs. 1,2)
- Luke 24:1-10
Song #240 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (vs. 1,5)
- Matthew 27:57-28:7
Song #238 Now the Green Blade Rises
- Psalm 20:5 & Philippians 4:4
Song #55 Rejoice You Pure in Heart (vs. 1,4,5)
- Mark 16:1-6
Song #245 The Day of Resurrection

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

INTERLUDE

The Risen Christ

Peterson

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 #322 Up From the Grave He Arose *United Methodist Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

New Life

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for a Resurrection Day

Scott

Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.

We celebrate our worship leaders today

Music: Mayflower Quartette, Meagan Johnson (soloist), Julie Houston (soloist), Bob Cook (handbells)

Readers: David Clark, Carol Sowle, Steve and Gini Coomer, Sean Baker
Wendy Baldwin

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship on Zoom

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.

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

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, April 4	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 4	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship with Communion (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 4	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Monday, April 5	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Sit w/ Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Tuesday, April 6	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, April 7	7:00 p.m.	Trustees (Zoom)
Thursday, April 8	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, April 10	1:00 p.m.	PCRC (Pastor Carol)
Sunday, April 11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 11	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 11	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.



**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.