



## 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:**

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:**

Mayflower Quartette  
Plymouth Players

**APRIL 18, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE	To God Be the Glory - Amazing Grace	arr. Baker
INTROIT	New Life	Dyer, Blain
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING PRAYER		Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
OPENING SONG #547	Amazing Grace (vs. 1,2)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
THE PEACE		Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
	<i>Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.</i>	

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE	Psalms 4	Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	"A Word of Grace"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #547	Amazing Grace (vs. 3,4)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

**WE RESPOND**

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

INTERLUDE	Amazing Grace	arr. Baker
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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 #547

Amazing Grace (vs. 5)

*New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Because He Lives

Gaither, 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**

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

**Fourth Friday Fun at First! – April 23, 6-8 pm** - Looking for some in-person fun and community? We will gather outdoors at the church playground to have some pizza, play various games, and share community, while observing safety protocols of distancing and mask wearing. All ages welcome, and bring a friend! So we have an idea of expected attendance, please let Wendy Baldwin know if you plan to attend.

**SE Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](#)

**Christ on the Psych Ward** – 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](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, April 18	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 18	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, April 18	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Monday, April 19	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Sit w/ Student Pastor Cassidy Hall
Tuesday, April 20	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle
Tuesday, April 20	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Thursday, April 22	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, April 22	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Friday, April 23	6:00 p.m.	Fourth Friday Fun Night (FC outside)
Sunday, April 25	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, April 25	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with 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 (Part 1: Just Peace, Part 2: Re-opening)
Sunday, April 25	3:00 p.m.	Southeast Association Meeting (IKC Zoom)

**\*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 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, God of my justice!

Give me relief from my distress!

<sup>2</sup> Have mercy!

Hear my prayer! How long will you people dishonor me before God?

How long will you love delusion and pursue lies? ——Selah——

<sup>3</sup> Know that those who love YHWH  
have been set apart by divine will—

YHWH will hear me when I call!

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, and stop your sinning;

search your heart,

alone and silent in your room.

<sup>5</sup> Offer sacrifices of justice,  
and put your trust in YHWH.

<sup>6</sup> So many are asking,

“Does good even exist anymore?”

Let the light of your face, YHWH, shine on us!

<sup>7</sup> You put joy in my heart—

a joy greater than being full

of bread and new wine.

<sup>8</sup> In peace I'll lie down;

in peace I will sleep:

for you alone, YHWH,

keep me perfectly safe.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (p. 1250). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.





**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!**

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