



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

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 Melanie DeMore, vocal activist
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall, preacher
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Rev. Shannon Abbott, & Sean Baker – worship leaders

WE RESPOND

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

INTERLUDE

Love and Justice

Goudey, Paton

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship) Rev. Shannon Abbott
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 #444 We Are Often Tossed and Driven (vs.4)

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BENEDICTION

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

New Life

Dyer, Blain

POSTLUDE

We'll Understand It Better By and By Tindley, arr. Baker

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

Media Credits: www.ministry-to-children.com & www.melaniedemore.com

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Coffee Hour w/Student Pastor Cassidy Hall, immediately after worship on Zoom

A Gift for Student Pastor Cassidy Hall - The Church Council has approved her Support Team’s recommendation for a financial gift — a scholarship for her last semester at CTS - A GIFT FOR CASSIDY ! She will not have time for another internship or job, thus no income as she completes this counseling training.

Send your donations to the church marked “A Gift for Cassidy”. We will award this to Cassidy later in May to allow you time to send your gift for the gift which has been ours through her ministry with First Congregational.

If you have questions, please direct them to Rev. Dr. Patrick Larracey, chair of Cassidy’s Support Team. We plan to “stick with her” through her training and preparation for ordination in the United Church of Christ. Thank you for your support and gift for the future of this maturing UCC pastor.

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.

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

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, May 2	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class w/ Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm presenting
Sunday, May 2	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Student Pastor Cassidy Hall preaching (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 2	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 3	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, May 5	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, May 6	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch (private Zoom)
Thursday, May 6	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, May 9	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, May 9	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 9	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

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ An angel of God spoke to Philip and said, “Be ready to set out at noon along the road that goes to Gaza, the desert road.” ²⁷ So Philip began his journey. It happened that an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official in charge of the entire treasury of Candace, the ruler of Ethiopia, had come to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage ²⁸ and was returning home. He was sitting in his carriage and reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ The Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and meet that carriage.” ³⁰ When Philip ran up, he heard the eunuch reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ “How can I,” the eunuch replied, “unless someone explains it to me?” With that, he invited Philip to get in the carriage with him. ³² This was the passage of scripture being read: “You are like a sheep being led to slaughter, you are like a lamb that is mute in front of its shearers: like them, you never open your mouth. ³³ You have been humiliated and have no one to defend you. Who will ever talk about your descendants, since your life on earth has been cut short?” ³⁴ The eunuch said to Philip, “Tell me, if you will, about whom the prophet is talking—himself or someone else?” ³⁵ So Philip proceeded to explain the Good News about Jesus to him. ³⁶ Further along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, there is some water right there. Is there anything to keep me from being baptized?”* ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop; then Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came out of the water, the Spirit of God snatched Philip away; the eunuch didn't see him anymore, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip found himself at Ashdod next, and he went about proclaiming the Good News in all the towns, until he came to Caesarea.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2459-2460). 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!

Register at ourshot.in.gov or call 211.