



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

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
Sean Baker, Wendy Baldwin, Rev. Chad Abbott, Rev. Ayanna Garrett

May 23, 2021

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

arr. Baker

INTROIT

Fire

Simpson

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wendy Baldwin & Sean Baker

Pentecost is real, it is immediate and it is miraculous.

The inbreaking of the Spirit is powerful, troubling, unsettling, even scary, but it is where we find the greatest gifts,

If only we allow ourselves to let go of our worries and fears long enough to give the Spirit space to move.

When the tongues of fire descended, the writer of Acts reports that the people "...were so on fire with new hope that outsiders who watched them concluded they must have been drunk on new wine..."

So much about the spiritual life is difficult to describe in conventional language. We owe it to one another and ourselves to pay attention to a vision, dream or a thought that comes to us in a very compelling way.

We are, at heart, a spiritual community and we need the Spirit to guide us for us to thrive. Let us be open to the Spirit in this time of change. Come Holy Spirit, come.

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

OPENING SONGS #283

Spirit of the Living God

New Century Hymnal

#282

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

New Century Hymnal

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Wendy Baldwin & Sean Baker

THE PEACE OF MUSIC

Sean Baker

WE PROCLAIM

ANTHEM Fire/Holy Spirit, Come Now Simpson, Manibusan,
arr. Baker

SCRIPTURES IN TONGUES

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 Wendy Baldwin & Sean Baker

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON “Being the Church in Transition” Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SONG #161 I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing *Sing! A New Creation*

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

PENTACOST SPIRIT Move In This Place Rev. Ayanna Garrett

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR Rev. Chad 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 #205	Dance Into Joy	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i>
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
BENEDICTON RESPONSE	Fire	Simpson
POSTLUDE	Dance Into Joy	Camp, arr. Baker

Following worship, everyone is invited to a Zoom Coffee Hour with a time of welcoming new members.

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship on Zoom – Join us as we celebrate together in welcoming new members and in the Four Way Covenant with Rev. Dr. David Mellott, Christian Theological Seminary, SE Association, and First Congregational.

A Gift for 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.

COMING SOON! Patio Psalms and Prayers - During the Sundays in June, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. We will gather at 9:30, open with a welcome, read and reflect on a Psalm (beginning with Psalm 1 on June 6), share joys and concerns, and then close with prayer and the Lord's Prayer. We will wrap up by 10:15. Please join us for this time of reflection and connection.

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/>

Outreach & Service - Through May we are supporting the UCC 5-for-5 special offering Strengthen the Church. Please donate generously to this opportunity to support expansion and growth of UCC local congregations. All individual contributions will be added to our budgeted contribution, so let's be a leader

in this financial support for our denomination's commitment to the emerging needs of local communities.

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 23	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, May 23	11:00 a.m.	Mental Health Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 23	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 25	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, May 26	5:00 p.m.	WISE Mental Health Team
Thursday, May 27	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch Bunch
Thursday, May 27	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, May 30	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, May 30	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, May 30	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, May 30	3:30 p.m.	Fun at First (outside at FC)

*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 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. ² Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. ³ Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. ⁵ Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, ⁶ and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! ⁸ How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? ⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—¹¹ all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!" ¹² All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! ¹⁵ These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: ¹⁷ 'In the days to come— it is our God who speaks— I will pour out my Spirit

on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. ²¹ And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2444-2445). 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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