



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.

While Pastor Sarah is away on vacation June 4 – 11, Pastor Carol may be reached for Pastoral Care needs at (317) 496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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 #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE God's Grace A. Ellis

POSTLUDE Great is Thy Faithfulness 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! Fun at First: Take Flight! from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Looking for some in-person fun and community? Join us to hear and see Mark Booth of Take Flight! for his intriguing and interesting demonstration of various birds of prey! Meridian Hills Cooperative Nursery School will also be joining us for this extra special event. We'll be outdoors at our church building, while observing safety protocols of distancing and mask wearing. All ages welcome, and bring a friend! Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin.

NEW! Patio Psalms and Prayers – On 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.

Pastor Sarah Vacation - While Pastor Sarah is away on vacation June 4 – 11, Pastor Carol may be reached for Pastoral Care needs at (317) 496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com. Pastor Carol will also be preaching next Sunday, June 6th.

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/>

Strengthen the Church Offering - Last chance this month to contribute to the UCC special offering “Strengthen the Church”! Let’s do our part to assist this denominational ministry to strengthen and expand local UCC congregations. Donate online, accompanied by an explanatory note to Financial Secretary Cheryl Dillenback, or by check sent to the church designated “Strengthen the Church”.

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 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	3:00 p.m.	Fun at First: Take Flight (outside at FC)
Tuesday, June 1	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (outside & Zoom)
Wednesday, June 2	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, June 3	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, June 3	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, June 5	10:00 a.m.	Food Drive (outside at FC)
Sunday, June 6	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, June 6	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship w/ Pastor Carol preaching (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, June 6	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 3:1-17

¹ A certain Pharisee named Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, ² came to Jesus at night. "Rabbi," he said, "we know you're a teacher come from God, for no one can perform the signs and wonders you do, unless by the power of God." ³ Jesus gave Nicodemus this answer: "The truth of the matter is, unless one is born from above, one cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴ Nicodemus said, "How can an adult be born a second time? I can't go back into my mother's womb to be born again!" ⁵ Jesus replied: "The truth of the matter is, no one can enter God's kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

⁷ So don't be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above.

⁸ The wind blows where it will. You hear the sound it makes, but you don't know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How can this be possible?" asked Nicodemus. ¹⁰ Jesus replied, "You're a teacher of Israel, and you still don't understand these matters?

¹¹ "The truth of the matter is, we're talking about what we know; we're testifying about what we've seen—yet you don't accept our testimony.

¹² If you don't believe when I tell you about earthly things, how will you believe when I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has gone up to heaven except the One who came down from heaven—the Chosen One.

¹⁴ As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Chosen One must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in the Chosen One might have eternal life. ¹⁶ Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent the Only Begotten into the world not to condemn the world, but that through the Only Begotten the world might be saved.

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2381-2382). 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.