



## 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:** 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](mailto: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  
Rev. Elizabeth Price, liturgist

June 6, 2021

COMMUNION SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

INTROIT This is the Day Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME Pastor Carol Sowle

CALL TO WORSHIP (from enfleshed) Pastor Carol Sowle, Rev. Elizabeth Price

When the way is difficult and dangerous,

**let us still choose what is good and just.**

When evil comes to break us down and break us apart,

**let us still choose to carry on with each other.**

When power from on high strikes fear in our hearts,

**let us still choose the courage to persist.**

**For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us,**

**will not be overcome.**

OPENING SONG #8 Come to the Banquet *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE Rev. Elizabeth Price

*Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.*

SPECIAL MUSIC A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Meagan Johnson

### WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Mark 3: 20-35 Rev. Elizabeth Price

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON By Whose Power? Pastor Carol Sowle

SONG #436

God of Grace and God of Glory *New Century Hymnal*

## WE RESPOND

CELEBRATING HOME COMMUNION

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Pastor Carol Sowle

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

INTERLUDE

We Can Praise You, God!

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Carol Sowle

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 #75

Banner of Hope

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Carol Sowle

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God's Grace

Ellis

POSTLUDE

Banner of Hope

Gast, 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**

**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](mailto:casowle@gmail.com). Pastor Carol will also be preaching next Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Covenant Outreach** continues through August in support of our W.I.S.E. for Mental Health covenant. Kudos to our Mental Health Team for their efforts in advocating for mental health in both our church family and in our wider community! Check out the ministries of the Julian Center (shelter and support for victims of domestic violence), the Trevor Project (mental and emotional help for LGBTQ youth and young adults), and the UCC Mental Health Network. Generous contributions from our congregation are greatly appreciated to support these ministries. Please donate either online or with a check sent to the church designated "Covenant Outreach".

**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

<b>Sunday, June 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Patio Psalms &amp; Prayers</b>
<b>Sunday, June 6</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship w/ Pastor Carol preaching (YouTube, FB, Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, June 6</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 8</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vespers (outside &amp; Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>Thursday, June 10</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group</b>
<b>Sunday, June 13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Patio Psalms &amp; Prayers (FC patio)</b>
<b>Sunday, June 13</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, June 13</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Zoom Coffee Hour</b>

**\*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

### Mark 3: 20-35

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus went home, and again such a crowd gathered that he and the disciples were unable even to eat a meal. <sup>21</sup> When Jesus' relatives heard of this, they went out to take charge of him, thinking that he had lost his mind. <sup>22</sup> The religious scholars who had come down from Jerusalem said of Jesus, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and, "He casts out demons through the ruler of demons." <sup>23</sup> Summoning them, Jesus spoke in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a realm is torn by civil strife, it cannot last. <sup>25</sup> If a household is divided according to loyalties, it will not survive. <sup>26</sup> Similarly, if Satan has suffered mutiny in the ranks and is torn by dissension, the Devil is finished and cannot endure. <sup>27</sup> No attacker can enter a stronghold unless the defender is first put under restraint. Only then can the attacker plunder the stronghold.

<sup>28</sup> "The truth is, every sin and all the blasphemy the people utter will be forgiven, <sup>29</sup> but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness. They are guilty of an eternal sin." <sup>30</sup> Jesus spoke all this because they said, "He is possessed by an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup> Jesus' mother and brothers arrived and sent in a message asking for him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around Jesus, and they said to him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." <sup>33</sup> Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who is my family?" <sup>34</sup> And looking around at everyone there, Jesus said, "This is my family! <sup>35</sup> Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my sister, my brother, my mother."

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive *Bible* (p. 2274). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.





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the people and activities you love?**

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to controlling the pandemic and  
reopening Church.

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