



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
External Communications Manager, 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:

Meagan Johnson, music

July 25, 2021

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE Holy, Holy, Holy

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #459 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *New Century Hymnal*

MOMENT FOR PEACE
Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-15

SERMON "Feasting on God's Abundant Love" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SONG #32 God of the Sparrow God of the Whale *NCH*

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

INTERLUDE Be Thou My Vision

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.

WE GO

CLOSING SONG #43 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *NCH*

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

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

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Patio Psalms and Prayers – On Sunday mornings, 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, 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.

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship 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.

Outreach & Service - As we eagerly anticipate returning to our sanctuary to worship together, our food collections for Northside Pantry will then return to our pre-pandemic format. Beginning in August, please bring any donations for the Northside Pantry to the narthex, either on Sundays or at any convenient time. Donations will be delivered to the pantry monthly. Thanks to all for supporting this vital ministry during the pandemic. The Outreach & Service Board encourages your continued support to help meet nutritional needs in our larger community.

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, July 25	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers
Sunday, July 25	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, July 25	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, July 27	10:00 a.m.	Care & Connections
Wednesday, July 28	5:00 p.m.	WISE Team Meeting
Thursday, July 29	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, August 1	10:00 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 1	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (in sanctuary & on FB, YouTube, Dial In)
Sunday, August 1	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.



**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.



Today's Scripture

Some time later, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee—that is, Lake Tiberius—² and a huge crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by healing sick people. ³ Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with the disciples. ⁴ It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. ⁵ Looking up, Jesus saw the crowd approaching and said to Philip, “Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ Jesus knew very well what he was going to do, but asked this to test Philip’s response. ⁷ Philip answered, “Not even with two hundred days’ wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful!” ⁸ One of the disciples, Simon Peter’s brother Andrew, said, ⁹ “There’s a small boy here with five barley loaves and two dried fish. But what good is that for so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Make the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand families sat down. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting there; he did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they could eat. ¹² When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to the disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing gets wasted.” ¹³ So they picked them up and filled twelve baskets with the scraps left over from the five barley loaves. ¹⁴ The people, seeing this sign that Jesus had performed, said, “Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world.” ¹⁵ Seeing that they were about to come and carry him off to crown him as ruler, Jesus escaped into the hills alone.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2391-2392). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.