



## 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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

**We celebrate our church staff:**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle  
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott  
External Communications Manager, Cassidy Hall  
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  
Steve Coomer, liturgist                      Rev. Chad Abbott, IKC Conference Minister

**August 1, 2021**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

Haugen

INTROIT

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #26

You Are Welcome Here

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

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

MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Chad Abbott

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

John 6:24-35

Steve Coomer

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

"We Are One"

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #495

Called as Partner's in Christ's Service

*New Century Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund and Rev. Chad Abbott

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

INTERLUDE

Winds of Change

Manibusan, Stephan

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship) Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund  
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 #575

O for a World

*New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

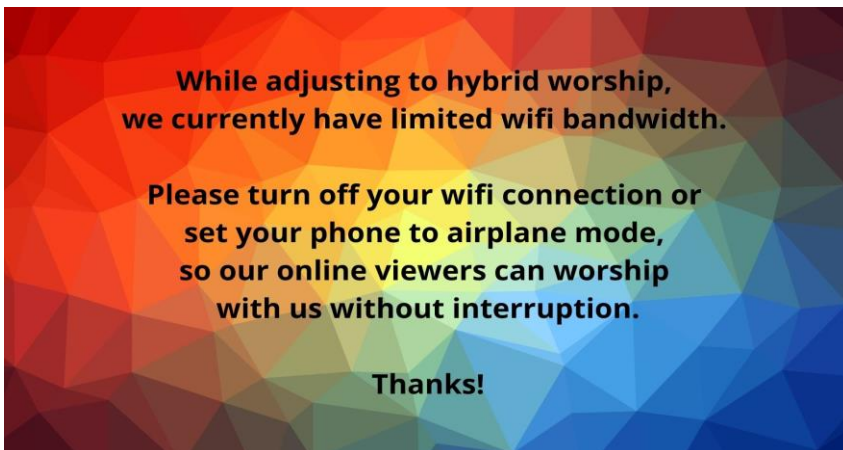
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Let It Shine

POSTLUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together



## **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 10:00 a.m, 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 10:45. Please join us for this time of reflection and connection.

**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.

**Outreach & Service** – Beginning this month, 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](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, August 1</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Patio Psalms &amp; Prayers (FC patio)</b>
<b>Sunday, August 1</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Communion Worship (in sanctuary, YouTube, FB, Dial In)</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 4</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>Thursday, August 5</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Men's Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday, August 5</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group</b>
<b>Sunday, August 8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Patio Psalms &amp; Prayers (FC patio)</b>
<b>Sunday, August 8</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship (in sanctuary &amp; on FB, YouTube, Dial In)</b>
<b>Sunday, August 8</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Blessed Union Virtual Book Buzz</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.

Marion County "color"	Indoors	Outdoors
Blue, positivity is decreasing	Masks are <u>optional for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>	Masks are <u>not required</u>
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Yellow	Masks are <u>required for all</u>	Masks are <u>encouraged for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>
Orange or Red	Use of the building will be revisited	Masks are <u>required for all</u>

**Current Marion County "color status": Yellow**



**IT'S OUR SHOT, HOOSIERS**  
COVID-19 VACCINE

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](https://ourshot.in.gov) or call 211.

## Today's Scripture

### John 6:24-35

<sup>24</sup> When the people saw that neither Jesus nor the disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "The truth of the matter is, you're not looking for me because you've seen signs, but because you've eaten your fill of the bread. <sup>27</sup> You shouldn't be working for perishable food, but for life-giving food that lasts for all eternity; this the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One bears the seal of Abba God." <sup>28</sup> At this they said, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "This is the work of God: to believe in the one whom God has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they asked Jesus, "What sign are you going to give to show us that we should believe in you? What will you do?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "The truth of the matter is, Moses hasn't given you bread from heaven; yet my Abba gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> "Teacher," they said, "give us this bread from now on." <sup>35</sup> Jesus explained to them, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2392-2393). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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