



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
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
Alice Rutherford, liturgist

August 8, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Blessed Quietness

INTROIT I Was Glad Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #534 When Our Confidence Is Shaken (v 1,2) *Chalice Hymnal*

MOMENT OF PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 19:4-8 Alice Rutherford

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON “When the Journey is Too Much” Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

MEDITATION Precious Lord, Take My Hand

WE RESPOND

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

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 #534 When Our Confidence Is Shaken (v 3,4) *Chalice Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Because He Lives

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Patio Psalms and Prayers at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. **Psalm 10**

TODAY! Blessed Union Virtual Book Buzz at 1:30 p.m. (Zoom) - We hope you can join us in discussion with Pastor Sarah on her new book: *BLESSED UNION: breaking the silence about mental illness and marriage*. This book is about mental health and relationships, so whether you're single or married, there is value in this discussion for everyone.

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 – Thanks to all who continue to bring canned and packaged foods, paper products, and personal hygiene items for the Northside Pantry. The baskets in the narthex are filling up! August is the last month of our four-month Covenant Outreach dedicated to our W.I.S.E. for Mental Health covenant, supporting the UCC Mental Health Network, The Trevor Project, and The Julian Center. If you haven't already made a contribution to Covenant Outreach since April, now is the time!

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, August 8	10:00 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 8	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (in sanctuary, YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, August 8	1:30 p.m.	Blessed Union Book Buzz (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 11	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Zoom)
Thursday, August 12	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, August 15	10:00 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 15	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (in sanctuary & on FB, YouTube, Dial In)

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>
Blue, positivity is increasing	Masks are <u>encouraged for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>	Masks are <u>not required</u>
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



Today's Scripture

1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, YHWH," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel of YHWH touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there near his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate the cake and drank the water and then lay down again. ⁷ The angel of YHWH came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank some more.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 661-662). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.