



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
Sue Chapman, liturgist Rev. Chad Abbott, IKC Conference Minister

August 15, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE	Morningstar	Gast, arr. Baker
INTROIT	I Was Glad	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING SONG # 128	Change My Heart, O God (v.1)	<i>Sing! Prayer & Praise</i>
MOMENT OF PEACE		
MISSION MOMENT		Rev. Chad Abbott

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Sue Chapman
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	“The Gift of Discernment”	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
MEDITATION	Open My Eyes, That I May See	

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
<i>We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.</i>		
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 # 160

Listening Now

Sing! Prayer & Praise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Praise God's Name

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Listening Now

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 11**

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 15	10:00 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 15	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (in sanctuary, YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Thursday, August 19	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, August 19	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, August 22	10:00 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 22	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (in sanctuary & on FB, YouTube, Dial In)
Sunday, August 22	1:30 p.m.	Blessed Union Virtual Book Buzz (Zoom)

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.



**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 or call 211.

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	Building is <u>closed</u> for in-person gatherings	Masks are <u>required for all</u>
Red	Building is <u>closed</u> for in-person gatherings	No church-sponsored outdoor gatherings

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

Today's Scripture

I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David.

¹¹ He had reigned for forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the judgment seat of David, and his rule was firmly established.

Chapter 3

³ Solomon showed his love for YHWH by following the precepts of David, except that he still offered sacrifices and incense at the shrines. ⁴ Solomon

went to Gibeon to offer a sacrifice since that was the chief shrine—Solomon offered one thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon God appeared in a dream to the ruler during in the night, saying, “Ask what you would like me to give you.” ⁶ Solomon replied, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, David, who was faithful, righteous, and obedient to you. And you have generously maintained this constant love toward us and now you have appointed a successor to sit on the judgment seat this very day. ⁷ Now, YHWH my God, you have continued this kindness to David’s successor to sit on the judgment seat this very day. ⁸ Here I am in the midst of your chosen people, a people so numerous they cannot be counted. ⁹ Give me, your servant, a discerning heart, so that I may distinguish good from evil [and] govern your people with wisdom.” ¹⁰ YHWH was very pleased that Solomon requested what he said. ¹¹ So God said to Solomon, “Because this is what you asked for and not for a long life, or for wealth, or for the lives of your foes, but asked for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I grant your request. And I give you a heart so wise and so understanding that there has been no one like you before your time, nor will there be after your time. ¹³ And furthermore, I give you those items which you did not ask for: wealth and glory which no ruler in your time can match. ¹⁴ If you keep my ways, keep our laws and commandments as David followed them, I will grant you long life.”

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 625). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.