



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

External Communications Manager/Office Admin, 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

Gini Coomer, liturgist

August 22, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE	Come, Gracious Spirit	J. Kimball
INTROIT	I Was Glad	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING SONG #451	Be Now My Vision	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

MOMENT OF PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 6:10-20	Gini Coomer
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	“Putting on the Breastplate of Christ”	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #25	O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v.1-3)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

WE RESPOND

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

MEDITATION	Come, O Fount of Every Blessing	
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PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
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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 #25 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs.4-6) *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Carry the Light

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

Draw the Circle Wide

G. Light

CALLS to SERVE

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

TODAY! Patio Psalms and Prayers at 9:30 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. **Psalm 12**

TODAY! *Blessed Union* Virtual Book Buzz, 1:30 p.m. (Zoom) – Join in discussion on mental health in relationships based on Pastor Sarah's book, *Blessed Union*.

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 22	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 22	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, August 22	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Sunday, August 22	1:30 p.m.	Blessed Union Virtual Book Buzz (Zoom)
Thursday, August 26	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, August 29	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, August 29	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, August 29	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Sunday, August 29	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Faith (Zoom)

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBtk5pcHZlYlBOaEFVUT09> 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.

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": **ORANGE**

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, draw your strength from Christ and from the strength of that mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand firm against the tactics of the Devil. ¹² Our battle ultimately is not against human forces, but against the sovereignties and powers, the rulers of the world of darkness, and the evil spirits of the heavenly realms. ¹³ You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day and, having done everything you can, to hold your ground. ¹⁴ Stand fast then, with truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, ¹⁵ and zeal to spread the Good News of peace as your footgear. ¹⁶ In all circumstances, hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Put on the helmet of salvation, and carry the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Always pray in the Spirit, with all your prayers and petitions. Pray constantly and attentively for all God's holy people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that God will open my mouth and put words on my lips, that I may boldly make known the mystery of the Good News—that mystery ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may have courage to proclaim it as I ought.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2590-2591). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.