



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.

**JUST
PEACE**

SUNDAY

9.19.2021



**Grow Justice,
Know Peace**

*"They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season..." Psalm 1:3 NRSV*

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

Just Peace Intern, Allison Welz

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

Aurelia Glennan-March, liturgist

Worth Hartman and Allison Welz, Just Peace Message

Cassidy Hall



September 19, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE How Great Thou Art Arrangement by Sean Baker

INTROIT Make Me A Servant Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #13 Love and Justice *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

LITANY “Grow Justice, Know Peace” Rev. Worth Hartman
and Just Peace Intern, Allison Welz

MOMENT OF PEACE Cassidy Hall

WE PROCLAIM

SPECIAL MUSIC Let There Be Peace on Earth Jackson Miller

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:30-37 Aurelia Glennan-March

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON Practice Peace Rev. Dr. Sarah
Lund

SONG #130 We Are Not Alone *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

WE RESPOND

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance Rev. Worth Hartman
and Just Peace Intern, Allison Welz

Gloria

Mayflower Quartette

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Cassidy Hall

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

INTERLUDE

LOVE AND JUSTICE

Plymouth Players

PASTORAL PRAYER (From Enfleshed)

Cassidy Hall

Holy Spirit, wherever we are today—whatever state of mind, state of spirit, state of body—you compassionately meet us there. You do not demand we change. You simply invite us to show up to “what is,” with curiosity about the impact of our actions. Thank you for your kind support in our becoming. Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

Cassidy Hall

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 #189

The Peace of the Earth

Chalice Praise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Metta Prayer

Mayflower Quartette

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 16**

TODAY! Virtual Coffee Hour - While we are not gathering in-person, we will have “Coffee Hour” on Zoom immediately following online worship.

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 – If you’ve read the last couple of Epistles you may be expecting more info about how we as a church can be helpful to Exodus as they settle Afghan refugees here in the Indianapolis area. At [In-kind Support | Exodus Refugee](#) a list can be found of specific needed items. On **Saturday, September 25, 10:00-12:00**, you can bring donated items (included monetary donations) to church, and we’ll see that they are delivered to Exodus the following week. Also on that day during those same hours you can bring any donations for Northside Pantry. While we remain virtual only we feel the need to resume food drive days for both fellowship and service to our community. See the October Colony for info about a food/donation drive day in October. Covenant Outreach shifts this month to support of organizations reflecting our Open & Affirming covenant. Please see the September Colony for information about Indiana Youth Group, Trinity Haven, and Damien Center, and consider a generous contribution to Covenant Outreach over the next four months. Also, remember to support the virtual [Indiana AIDS Walk 2021 - The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis \(indianaaidsfund.org\)](#), happening this

Sunday, 9/19, through their website. Reflecting our Open & Affirming covenant, First Congregational has supported this important ministry in the past. Even as we remain distanced it's possible to provide support again this year.

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

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.

Ways to help the Afghan Crisis

A Local Partner Looking for Refugee Support: As the war in Afghanistan ends, Exodus Refugee is expecting to assist in settling some Afghani refugees here in the Indianapolis area. Donations are greatly appreciated and a list of needs can be found at [In-kind Support | Exodus Refugee](#). Families are arriving with very little notice, so watch the weekly Epistle for more information about how our church can be a part of this vital effort to care for our neighbors.

Church World Service: Church World Service, another agency working in partnership with the U.S. government to resettle refugees, has welcomed more than 7,000 Afghan Special Immigrant Visa recipients and their families since 2009, according to its website. CWS has issued an [emergency appeal](#) to support Afghans now arriving in the U.S., asking for \$700,000 in financial support to offer transportation, food and other emergency support and up to \$450,000 in in-kind housing support. Monetary donations can be made [online](#) or mailed to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 (designated to Protect Our Afghan Allies). Those interested in sponsoring a family arriving in their community or providing in-kind support — including landlords able to rent housing to new arrivals — can [fill out a form online](#) or email refugeewelcome@cwsglobal.org. CWS has also compiled sample messages urging lawmakers to protect Afghans seeking safety [on its website](#) that can be shared on social media or sent to lawmakers. More info here: <https://pres-outlook.org/2021/08/how-to-help-afghans-arriving-in-the-us-after-fleeing-the-taliban/>

This Week at First Congregational:

Tuesday, September 21	1:30 p.m.	Circle IV Book Club
Wednesday, September 22	5:00 p.m.	WISE Mental Health Team (Zoom)
Thursday, September 23	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, September 26	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, September 26	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, September 26	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Thursday, September 30	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch Bunch (at Le Peep)
Thursday, September 30	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, September 30	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)



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

Mark 9:30-37

They left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching the disciples along these lines: “The Promised One is going to be delivered into the hands of others and will be put to death, but three days later this One will rise again.” Though they failed to understand these words, they were afraid to question him.

They returned home to Capernaum. Once they were inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, “What were you discussing on the way home?” At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who among them was the most important. So Jesus sat down and called the Twelve over and said, “If any of you wants to be first, you must be the last one of all and at the service of all.”

Then Jesus brought a little child into their midst and, putting his arms around the child, said to them, “Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

(The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2650-2651). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition)

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