



## 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

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

Bill Gillette, liturgist

Cassidy Hall

**BE A BLESSING** PRACTICE PEACE.  
LEAD WITH LOVE.  
BE JOYFUL. PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.  
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.  
BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS.  UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

**October 3, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy

Beethoven, arr. Baker

INTROIT

Make Me a Servant

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WORLD COMMUNION GLOBAL MINISTRIES MESSAGE

*Global Ministries*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund and Cassidy Hall

OPENING SONG

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Global Ministries*

MOMENT OF PEACE

The Prayer of St. Francis

*Global Ministries*

## WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Bill Gillette

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Be Joyful

Rev. Dr. Sarah

WORLD COMMUNION  
CELEBRATION

South African World Communion

*Global Ministries*

COMMUNION HYMN #347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

New

Century Hymnal

COMMUNION

## WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

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

MEDITATION

One Bread, One Body

WORLD COMMUNION PRAYER

*Global Ministries*

## PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

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 #576

For the Healing of the Nations

New  
Century Hymnal

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Make a Diff'rence

Mayflower Quartette

## POSTLUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller, Jackson, arr.  
Baker

## 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 121**

**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](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** – Thanks to all who supported our food/donation drive last week. A good time was had by all, and our donations to Northside Pantry and Exodus express our concern for our neighbors.

Another opportunity to assist in welcoming Afghan refugees can be found at [Team Rubicon | Afghan Resettlement \(teamrubiconusa.org\)](http://TeamRubicon.org). Here you can find a list of immediate needs of refugees already at Indiana's Camp Atterbury, along with an Amazon Wishlist for quick provision of needed items. This is another way for us to live out our Just Peace covenant.

Two upcoming Buzzes! **This Sunday, October 3**, we'll hear from Allison Welz, our current Just Peace Intern, about her experiences in Myanmar (more below). She has much to share to educate and inspire us. **On October 10** we'll hear from Kelsey Kennedy, Host Homes Program Coordinator for Trinity Haven, one of our Covenant Outreach organizations from September through December. Please plan to attend both of these opportunities to learn and serve.

**TODAY: All-Church Buzz with Just Peace Intern, Allison Welz –12:30pm**

I will be talking about my trips to Myanmar, how they have impacted my faith, sharing pictures, and how people can learn more/support! -Allison Welz

**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)

### **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.

## This Week at FC Indy:

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| Sunday, October 3    | 9:30 a.m.  | Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)                           |
| Sunday, October 3    | 11:00 a.m. | Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)                       |
| Sunday, October 3    | 12:00 p.m. | Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)                                  |
| Sunday, October 3    | 12:30 p.m. | All-Church Buzz with Just Peace Intern, Allison Welz (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, October 6 | 7:00 p.m.  | Trustees Meeting  |
| Thursday, October 7  | 5:00 p.m.  | Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)                              |
| Sunday, October 10   | 9:30 a.m.  | Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)                           |
| Sunday, October 10   | 11:00 a.m. | Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)                       |
| Sunday, October 10   | 12:00 p.m. | Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)                                  |
| Sunday, October 10   | 12:30 p.m. | All-Church Buzz with Trinity Haven                          |



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.

| Marion County<br>"color"          | Indoors  | Outdoors   |
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| Blue, positivity is<br>decreasing | Masks are <u>optional for vaccinated people</u> , and <u>required for unvaccinated</u>   | Masks are <u>not required</u>  |
| Blue, positivity is<br>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

### Hebrews 1:1-4 and Hebrews 2:5-12

1:1 IN TIMES PAST, GOD SPOKE IN FRAGMENTARY and varied ways to our ancestors through the prophets; 2 in these final days, God has spoken to us through the Only Begotten, who has been made heir of all things and through whom the universe was first created. 3 Christ is the reflection of God's glory, the exact representation of God's being; all things are sustained by God's powerful Word. Having cleansed us from our sins, Jesus Christ sat down at the right hand of the Glory of heaven—4 as far superior to the angels as the name Christ has inherited is superior to theirs.

2:5 God didn't create the inhabited earth of which we speak to have it be ruled by angels. 6 Somewhere this testimony is found: "Who are we that you should be mindful of us? We are mere mortals, and yet you care for us! 7 You have made us little less than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor. 8 You have put all things under our feet." In subjecting all things to us, God left nothing unsubjected. At present, we don't see all things thus subject; 9 but we do see Jesus, who was made "little less than the angels, crowned with glory and honor" by dying on the cross—so that, through the gracious will of God, Jesus might taste death for us all. 10 Indeed, it was fitting that, when bringing many to glory, God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 The one who makes holy and those who are made holy are all from the One God. And because of this, Jesus is not ashamed to call us sisters and brothers, 12 as it is written: "I will proclaim your Name to my sisters and brothers, I will sing your praise in the midst of the assembly."

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

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