



## 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). \*\*\*Note: In case you are unable to reach Pastor Sarah due to recent issues with email, please contact office administrator Cassidy: [hall.cass@gmail.com](mailto:hall.cass@gmail.com)

## **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: \*Alice Rutherford, Steve Coomer, Larry Eckel

Clerk: Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Cheryl Dillenback

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Quartette

Plymouth Players

Cassidy Hall

Allison Welz

Lauren Good, liturgist



**October 10, 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

INTROIT

Make me a Servant

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #515

Oh God, My God

*New Century Hymnal*

MOMENT OF PEACE

Allison Welz

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:1-15 Lauren Good

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON Pray Often Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #505 Sweet Hour of Prayer *New Century Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

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

INTERLUDE I Love to Tell the Story

PASTORAL PRAYER Cassidy Hall  
Holy Wisdom – You teach us to pray, you guide us in prayer, and you hear our prayers. Help us to be intentional about our sacred pauses and to offer them as times of prayer. Remind us of the delight of prayer. Teach us to bask in the comfort of closeness to you. 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.



## **Crop Walk on October 23rd**

This is the 52nd year for the CROP Walk in Indianapolis, and FC Indy has participated in each one. The CROP Walk works to raise money to “end hunger one step at a time”, and the challenge has increased this year with the effects of the pandemic. This year’s CROP Walk is ‘virtual’, and here is the plan for our church:

- On Saturday, 10/23, we will have a symbolic CROP walk around the church’s neighborhood. It will begin at 11 am, and last about a half hour. Please join us for this symbolic walk.
- You can contribute by making out a check to the church and designating it for CROP, or you can make online donations directly to our CROP “team” at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-congregational-2>
- If you would like to be part of the virtual “team”, register at the above link. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin.

## **Another food and Exodus donation drive! October 23rd, 10am - 12noon:**

The September Drive was such a success we decided to have another! Please bring your food donations for Northside Pantry AND household donations for Exodus to the church patio between 10:00 and 12:00 on October 23. Needs for Exodus can be found at [In-kind Support | Exodus Refugee](#). These collections will benefit our local community in feeding the hungry and in settling incoming refugees. And it’s always fun to greet one another in person!

## **Joys & Concerns Brainstroming, Tuesday October 19th at 7pm on Zoom**

During the Buzz on September 12 about Hybrid Worship, there was a lively discussion about how we might do Joys & Concerns once we are back to in-person worship in the sanctuary. Since we will be streaming and recording worship to YouTube, there are some privacy concerns to consider. Many of us value this time of sharing and connecting with one another, and would miss not having this opportunity when we are in-person again. Please join us on

Tuesday evening, Oct 19, at 7 pm on Zoom to develop some ideas for us to explore on how to do “Joys & Concerns” in a hybrid world.

**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**

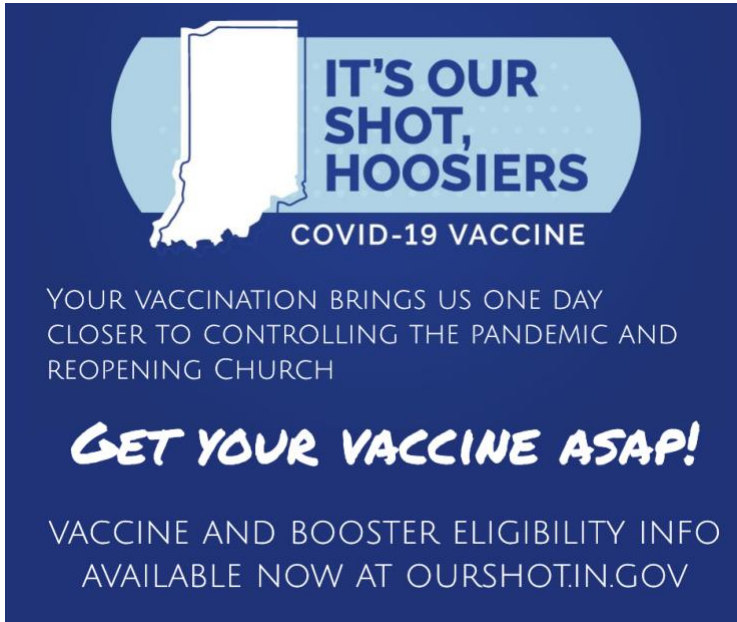
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTK5pcHZlY1B0aEFVUT09> Meeting ID: 926 449 4206 Password: 7171

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:

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 (Zoom)
Sunday, October 10	5:00 p.m.	Sermon Reflections (Zoom)
October 11-17		Pastor Sarah on Vacation
Wednesday, October 13	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, October 14	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, October 14	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Friday, October 15		Colony Subissions Due





**IT'S OUR SHOT, HOOSIERS**  
**COVID-19 VACCINE**

YOUR VACCINATION BRINGS US ONE DAY CLOSER TO CONTROLLING THE PANDEMIC AND REOPENING CHURCH

**GET YOUR VACCINE ASAP!**

VACCINE AND BOOSTER ELIGIBILITY INFO AVAILABLE NOW AT [OURSHOT.IN.GOV](https://ourshot.in.gov)

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

### Psalm 22:1-15

My God, my God,  
Why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far away,  
so far from saving me,  
so far from the words of my groaning? I cry all day, my God, but you never answer;  
I call all night long, and sleep deserts me. But you, Holy One—  
you sit enthroned on the praises of Israel. Our ancestors put their trust in you;  
they trusted and you rescued them; they cried to you and were saved;  
they trusted you and were never disappointed. Yet here I am, more worm than human,  
the scorn of humanity, an object of ridicule: all who see me mock me;  
they shake their heads and sneer, “You trust in God? Ha! Let God save you now!  
If God is your friend, let God rescue you!” Yet you drew me out of the womb;  
you nestled me in my mother's bosom; you cradled me in your lap from my birth;  
from my mother's womb you have been my God. Don't stand aside now that trouble is  
near—  
I have no one to help me! My enemies are like a herd of bulls surrounding me,  
like the strong bulls of Bashan closing in on me; with jaws open wide to swallow me,  
they're like lions tearing their prey, and roaring. I am like water draining away;  
my bones are all disjointed;  
my heart is like wax melting inside me. My strength is dried up like a piece of clay pottery  
and my tongue is stuck to the roof of my mouth:  
you lay me down in dusty death.

(The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition)

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