



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.**

*****Disclaimer:** Please be aware that today's worship service is being live-streamed. While the focus will be on the worship leaders, anything you say or do may be on film. If you have any questions or need to ensure you are not on camera for your safety or other reasons, please speak with Pastor Sarah.

PastorSarah@fcindy.org

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

Media Technician, David Clark

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

Allison Welz

Rita Hummel, Liturgist



November 7, 2021

COMMUNION SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

This Is God's Day

Trad., Baker

INTROIT

I Was Glad

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah
Lund

OPENING SONG #436 God of Grace and God of Glory *New Century Hymnal*

MOMENT OF PEACE Allison Welz

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:38-44 Rita Hummel

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Quartette

SERMON Have Courage Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SERMON RESPONSE Amen Mayflower Quartette

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION SONG #227 Christ at the Table There with Friends *New Century Hymnal*

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION Hush! Martin, arr. Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER (Adapted from Enfleshed)

Beloved One, you are a protector, a healer, a friend. You place feasts before the hungry and welcome strangers with shelter. Come and deepen our capacity to practice love that is as substantial as yours. Amen.

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 #612 Strengthen All the Weary Hands *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Because He Lives Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE Go Make a Difference Angisano, Tomaszek

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Adult Education at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, join us in the library (with masks) for a gathering time for faith formation.

NO COFFEE HOUR – While Marion County is “Yellow”, we will enjoy seeing each other in-person, but will refrain from refreshments. Hopefully, by

Thanksgiving, the county will be “Blue”, and we can enjoy some pie after worship on our traditional Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21st.

TODAY, 1:00pm on ZOOM! The Buzz on 11/7 is an opportunity for folks to weigh in with their reactions to the Senior Council model that we've been using this year, along with suggestions for improvement for next year. The meeting will begin with reflections on what it's been like to serve in this model, and then offer open dialog to hear from others. **Location: Church Zoom**

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.

REMINDER: CALLING ALL WRITERS, POETS, AND THINKERS!

The FC Indy Blog is here, “Pew Reflections”: Please email your submissions to Cassidy (cassidy@fcindy.org) anytime to be shared on the blog on any topic. We are accepting prayers, meditations, poems, prose, short stories, and more! Questions about what the blog is or how it functions? Check out <http://fcindy.org/blog/newblog/> or email Cassidy.

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. All requests for financial support will be confidential and your privacy will be honored and respected. 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

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: cassidy@fcindy.org

GIVING

We seek to love and to share our joy.

We offer care, give thanks and praise, when Christ is present among us all.

We know the world's a mission field, needing forgiveness, justice and hope.

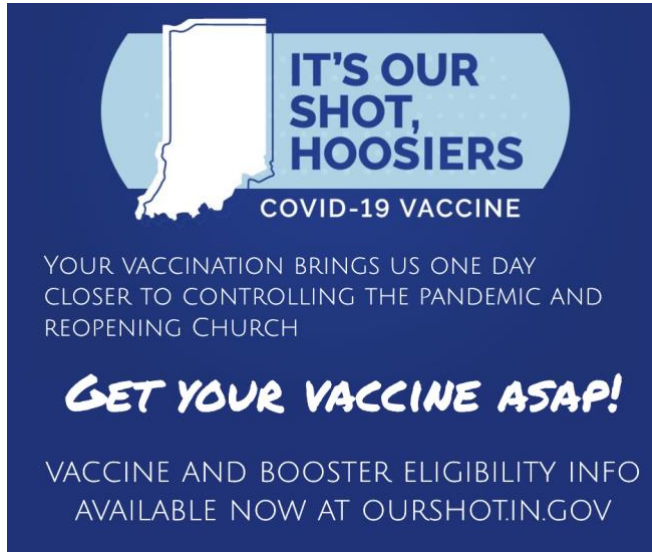
Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Open and Affirming Covenant. We have been an Open and Affirming Church since 1994.

Our current outreach recipients: Indiana Youth Group, Damien Center, and Trinity Haven



THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, November 7	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
Sunday, November 7	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person AND YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, November 7	1:00 p.m.	All church Buzz (Zoom) discussing Council Model
Sunday, November 7	REMINDER	NO COFFEE HOUR
Wednesday, November 10	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, November 11	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, November 12	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, November 14	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
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Sunday, November 14	REMINDER	NO COFFEE HOUR
Sunday, November 14	12:30 p.m.	Worship and Faith Board Meeting



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</u> for vaccinated people, and <u>required</u> for unvaccinated	Masks are <u>not required</u>
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Yellow	Masks are <u>required</u> for all	Masks are <u>encouraged</u> for vaccinated people, and <u>required</u> for unvaccinated
Orange	Building is <u>closed</u> for in-person gatherings	Masks are <u>required</u> for all
Red	Building is <u>closed</u> for in-person gatherings	No church-sponsored outdoor gatherings

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

Today's Scripture

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching, Jesus said, “Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely.”

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came up and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.

Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, “The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had—all she had to live on.”

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

The WISE mental health team is once again sponsoring the **Blue Christmas worship service** for those for whom the holidays are not "the most wonderful time of the year." The service will be on the **church's Zoom on Friday, December 10th at 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.** The program is being developed by Allison Welz, our Just Peace Intern and a member of our team, with input from a planning group. She requests anyone interested in participating in the service by contributing a poem, song or instrumental music, or art object contact her at awelz@butler.edu. Contributions can be recorded in advance to decrease anxiety about performing in front of an audience."



Did you know...

November 20th is Transgender Day of Remembrance

On Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR), we honor the memory of our transgender siblings who were killed in the past year. Take time to meditate on this prayer. Learn about the violence affecting transgender people in our communities. Say and pray their names:

<https://tdor.translivesmatter.info/reports>

November 25th is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Find more information about this international observance from the United Nations website below. Consider also engaging in the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence (November 25 – December 10). You can find additional resources from the World Council of Churches.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day>

