



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

Lauren Ladd, Liturgist



November 14, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Baker

INTROIT

I Was Glad

Mayflower Quartette

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

OPENING SONG #459

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*New
Century Hymnal*

MOMENT OF PEACE

Allison Welz

MEDITATION

Lift Every Voice and Sing

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Lauren Ladd

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Work for Justice

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #305

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

*New
Century Hymnal*

WE RESPOND

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

To God Be the Glory

PASTORAL PRAYER (Adapted from Enfleshed)

Beloved One, your love has companioned us since birth. You know our stories, our struggles, the very roots of our being. There is nothing hidden from you. Even in our greatest insecurities, you embrace and encourage us. May we be disciples of your compassion, extending to others the grace that enables us our hope. 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 #216

God Says It's Time

Sing!
Prayer and Praise

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Make a Difference

POSTLUDE

You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

arr. Baker

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.

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 14	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
Sunday, November 14	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person AND YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, November 14	REMINDER	NO COFFEE HOUR
Sunday, November 14	12:30 p.m.	Worship and Faith Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 16	1:30 p.m.	Circle Book Meeting
Thursday, November 18	10:00 a.m.	Care and Connections Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, November 18	3:00 p.m.	WISE Mental Health Team Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, November 18	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Sunday, November 21	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
Sunday, November 21	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person AND YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, November 21	12:30 p.m.	Coffee Hour is back! (*If the county is Blue)

Today's Scripture

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Then Hannah prayed:

My heart delights in God,

to God I lift my horn high. I gloat over my foes,

I rejoice in your deliverance! There is no one holier than you. No one is holier than God; there is no Rock like God. All bragging must cease. Boastful arrogance must come to an end. For God is all-knowing,

and weighs all mortal deeds. The bows of warriors are broken,

while those who stumble gain renewed strength. Those who had their fill now sell themselves for crusts of bread

while those who were hungry are sated. Childless women bear seven children

while mothers of many are forsaken. It is God who deals out both life and death;

it is God who casts down to Sheol, and raises up

again. It is God who makes both the poor and the

wealthy. It is God who both humbles and exalts. God lifts the weak from the refuse dump and raises the poor from the cesspool,

to place them among the mighty

and promotes them to seats of honor. The foundations of the earth belong to God,

and God sets the world upon them. God lights the ways of the just

and delivers the evildoer to darkness. It is not by strength that the just prevail: it is God who shatters foes. The Most High thunders against them in the skies;

God judges the ends of the earth. Now God will endow the ruler with strength

and exalt the head of the anointed one.”

(Adapted YHWH to God, from The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition)



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