



## 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](mailto:PastorSarah@fcindy.org)

**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

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

Steve Coomer, Liturgist



**November 21 2021**

**11:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	Thomerson
INTROIT	Carry The Light	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In possibility, wonder, and mystery, **we gather.**

In grief, burnout, and apathy, **we gather.**

With community, creativity, and intention, **we gather.**

With anger, questions, and heartbreak, **we gather.**

**Hallelujah, God welcomes it all!**

Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG #276

We Gather Together

*Chalice Hymnal*  
See in back of bulletin

MOMENT OF PEACE

Allison Welz

MEDITATION

Shine, Jesus, Shine

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Steve Coomer

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

Be The Light

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #589

Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts

*New Century*  
*Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

SHARING GRATITUDES

INTERLUDE

I Am The Light of the World

## PASTORAL PRAYER (Adapted from Enfleshed)

Holy Spirit, our lives are rarely one thing; they often make a duet of sorrow and delight. Breathe with us through our sorrow. Marvel with us in our delight. Hold with us the “what is” of today that we might have rest and courage to be present to tomorrow. 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 #524

This Little Light

*New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

POSTLUDE

Carry the Light

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

***REMINDER: CALLING ALL WRITERS, POETS, AND THINKERS!***

**The FC Indy Blog is here, “Pew Reflections”:** Please email your submissions to Cassidy ([cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto: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](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. 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](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

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto: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 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	REMINDER	No Coffee Hour until county is Blue
Thursday, November 25	REMINDER	THANKSGIVING, NO Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, November 28	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (In-Person)
Sunday, November 28	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person AND YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, November 28	REMINDER	No Coffee Hour until county is Blue

## Today's Scripture

### Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,  
Thrones were set up, and the one who sat there  
was the Ancient of Days,  
whose clothing was snow white,  
with a head of hair as white as wool;  
whose throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire.  
A stream of fire surged forth,  
flowing from the Ancient One's presence,  
with tens of thousands ministering,  
and hundreds of thousands standing in attendance.  
The court was convened,  
and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night once again,  
and I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one who looked human,  
but somehow more than human.  
This One came to the Ancient One  
and was led into the divine Presence.  
Thus was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and dominion,  
and all peoples, nations and languages  
became this One's subjects.  
This sovereignty is an eternal Sovereignty  
which will never pass away,  
nor will this dominion ever be destroyed.

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



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## We Gather Together

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you  
 3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,

G C D G Am D7 G

to turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life.  
 de - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be.

G7 C Dm7 G7

the pow'rs that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us.  
 Yes, yours be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry.  
 May your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion.

F G C Dm7 G7 C

O God, be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.  
 Our God, be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.  
 Your name be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free!

WORDS: *Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck*, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894;  
 adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981  
 MUSIC: Dutch melody (16th century); arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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