



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.

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
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
Just Peace Intern, Spenser Churchill

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette
Plymouth Players
Liturgist, Rev. Worth Hartman
Cassidy Hall

January 16, 2022

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE	We Shall Overcome	
INTROIT	I Am the Light of the World	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
OPENING SONG #137	Come Sweet Justice	<i>Sing! Prayer & Praise</i>
MOMENT OF PEACE		Spenser Churchill
MEDITATION	Open Our Eyes	Keil
VISUAL POEM	The March on Washington for Jobs (1963)	Salt Project

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 62:1-4	Rev. Worth Hartman
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette

SERMON

The Inner Sanctuary

Cassidy Hall

WE RESPOND

SONG #581

Lead Us from Death to Life

New Century Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERLUDE

Hush!

Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER (from *Enfleshed*)

Holy One, you draw us together for a collective purpose: to tend to pain, to celebrate justice, to share stories ancient and new, and to pursue the mysteries of our faith. In this Sacred work, may we remember that we depend on one another. May none among us forget: we are each, no more or no less than another, essential in this community of faith. 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 #128

Shine, Jesus Shine

Sing! a new creation

BENEDICTION

Cassidy Hall

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Come Sweet Justice

Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Annual Meeting Announcement: In view of the change in Marion County's covid status that has sent us back to worshipping only virtually, the Annual Meeting on January 30 will be on Zoom at 1:00 PM. We regret that we cannot meet in person for this important business meeting, but we hope all who are able will join us virtually to review 2021 and to move First Congregational's ministries forward in 2022.

Zoom: Adult Education at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, join us on Zoom for a gathering time for faith formation.

January 16: We'll listen to 15 minutes of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech titled "*The Other America*" which was given in 1967 at Stanford University.

Zoom: Coffee Hour Immediately Follows Worship!

REMINDER: The Annual Meeting is Sunday January 30th at 1:00pm! Please email your reports to Cassidy (cassidy@fcindy.org) by January 16th.

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.

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 Just Peace Covenant.

Our current outreach recipients: Exodus Refugee, Peace Learning Center, Family Promise, and Faith In Indiana.



**EXODUS
REFUGEE**
The life ahead.



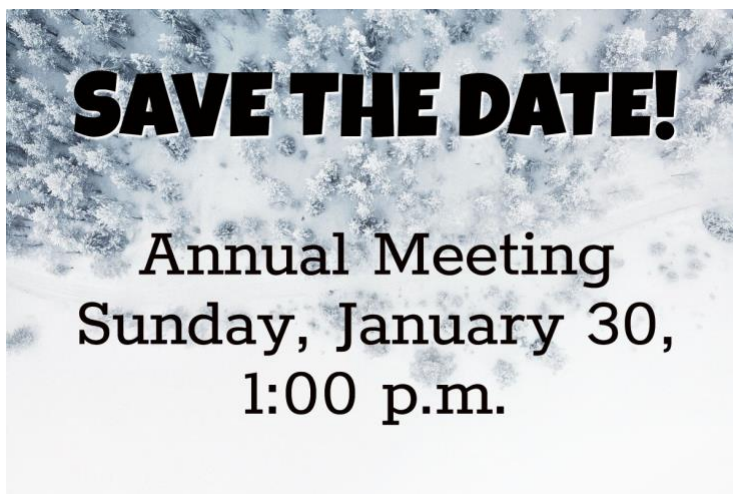
**FAITH IN
INDIANA**



Family Promise

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, January 16	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, January 16	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, January 16	Reminder	Coffee Hour Following Worship (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 18	1:30 p.m.	Circle Book Meeting
Thursday, January 20	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, January 20	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, January 23	10:00 a.m.	Adult Education (Zoom)
Sunday, January 23	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Online Worship (YouTube, FB) (Dial-in only at 2pm)
Sunday, January 23	Reminder	Coffee Hour Following Worship (Zoom)



Today's Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-4

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.
The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.
You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the Lord will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2126). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.