



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 hybrid worship service. Whether you choose to join us online or in-person, we believe we are called together 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:** 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

Media Technicians, David Clark and Ben James

We celebrate our church leadership:

Senior Councilors: *Larry Eckel, Steve Coomer, Judy Fletcher

Clerk: Janet Selby

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

Just Peace Intern, Spenser Churchill

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette

Plymouth Players

Pastor Carol Sowle

Rev. Elizabeth Price

Readers, Linda Lupton and Rev. Lance Mullins

Liturgist, Rev. Lance Mullins

March 13, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

Good Enough

arr. Baker

WELCOME

Pastor Carol Sowle

THRESHOLD MOMENT

SONG

Good Enough

Mayflower Quartette

CALLING ON GOD

Based on Psalm27

Pastor Carol Sowle

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Alice Rutherford

SONG #172

Faith Begins by Letting Go

(See Insert)

HONEST QUESTIONS, COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

Linda Lupton
Pastor Carol Sowle

THE PEACE

Pastor Carol Sowle

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Lance Mullins

SERMON

So Much is Out of Our Control

Rev. Elizabeth Price

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mayflower Quartette
Rev. Lance Mullins
Pastor Carol Sowle

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Holy One, we recognize these lives of ours are so vulnerable, so precious, so deeply entangled with one another. We long to protect them; to protect ourselves and our families and our planet. In our efforts, do not let us be so consumed by fear that we turn to destruction or hardheartedness for security. Keep our hearts tender to one another and lead us onto paths of peace with justice. 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.

WE GO

CLOSING SONG Since the Lord is my Salvation (See Insert)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION Rev. Elizabeth Price

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Good Enough Mayflower Quartette

POSTLUDE Good Enough arr. Baker

Worship Notes:

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CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Good Enough Tuesdays: Throughout Lent, join Pastor Sarah on Zoom for Good Enough Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM on March 15, 22, 29, and April 5.

Address Directory Update In March, we will be updating and producing our Address Directory, which will be available in print and electronically. There is a current directory on a table in the Narthex; please double check it for any changes, and put a check mark by your name so we know it has been reviewed. Or, if you have had a change in name, address, phone number, or email address in the past year, please contact Wendy Baldwin at waldwinindy@gmail.com by March 18. Also, if you are new to our church family, and would like to be in our Address Directory, we would love to have your contact info!

Hybrid: In-Person and Zoom Adult Education at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, join us on In-Person or on Zoom for a gathering time for faith formation.

Spiritual Support Group, Thursdays at 5:00pm (Zoom) – This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well-being. Contact 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/>

Acts of Kindness Fund - Members can make requests for use of this fund to assist themselves or others in our church family who might not ask for help. These gifts can help support financial needs, as well as help with ride-share transportation, shovel or plow snow, pay an unexpected expense, etc. Honoring the dignity of the recipient, all requests for use of this fund will be confidential, and privacy will be respected. To request funds or gifts, 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.

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, March 13	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, March 13	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, March 15	4:30 PM	WISE Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 15	6:30-7:30 PM	Lenten Study with Pastor Sarah (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 16	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, March 17	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, March 17	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group

Today's Scripture

Luke 13:31-35

Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you.” Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘Today and tomorrow, I’ll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I’ll reach my goal.’ Even with all that, I’ll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me! So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!’”

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 649). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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Faith Begins by Letting Go

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Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on,
keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

Since the Lord is My Salvation

Since my God is my salvation, is there anyone to fear?
As a citizen of heaven why should I feel worry here?
In a world that's lost and broken and where sin and death abound,
We rejoice for God has spoken: we are safe, on solid ground.

God will hide me in the shelter when the days of trouble come.
Though a war may rise against me, God's own tent will be my home.
I will trust what God has given, I will trust God's word to me:
I'm a citizen of heaven and it's what I'll always be.

Even when I hear the warning, "Find a safer, easier way,"
I'll be faithful in the morning and at noon and close of day.
As a citizen of heaven, I have nothing I should fear;
For in Christ, I am forgiven, and I'm called to service here.

You, O God, are my salvation; make me strong to live for you.
May I care for your creation, love the stranger, speak what's true.
May I share what you have given; may I see each person's worth.
As a citizen of heaven, make me useful here on earth.