



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. We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the pew holder. 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

Comeback Team: Messages from Church Council Regarding

Covid: CAUTION: Marion County COVID-19 rates are increasing. **Masking encouraged.** (Church Council, 5/11/22). First Congregational urges vaccinations, encourages masking for those unvaccinated or those at risk, and staying home if feeling unwell. (Based on CDC guidelines and approved by Church Council, April 13, 2022)

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, Ben James

We celebrate our church leadership:

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

Clerk: Janet Selby

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Singers

Jesse Wittman, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Liturgist, Wendy Baldwin

Worship Leader, Pastor Carol Sowle

June 19, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

In Water We Grow

Wren, Schalk

INTROIT

This Is the Day

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

Pastor Carol Sowle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 42-43

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

Many: Where is our God? Why, O God, have you forgotten us? We are hurting. We are bowed down by grief, troubled by all the oppression in the world.

One: God, send us your light and your truth. Lead us to your holy Kingdom.

Many: O my soul, let us hope in God, our rock and our refuge.

All: Let us remember what God has done for us. Let us praise God for God's steadfast love. Come let us worship the living God.

SONG #16

Come to the Water

Sing! Prayer and Praise

THE PEACE

MEDITATION

Come to the Waters

Makeever

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Wendy Baldwiin

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

What Brings You Here?

Pastor Carol Sowle

SONG #481

As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Touch the Earth Lightly

arr. Baker

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from who all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER (From Enfleshed)

Creative God, sometimes fear and old habits limit our sense of what's possible. Expand our imagination, that we might live into the abundance you intend for all of us. Guide us towards not a shallow freedom, oh God, but into deep wells of liberation. 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.

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

CLOSING SONG #194

Go In Peace

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Pastor Carol Sowle

RESPONSE

O Grant Us Light

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Baker

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

A Continued Call to Action: Thank you to those who wrote letters in support of sensible gun legislation last Sunday. The table and writing materials in the narthex will again be available this Sunday for more letters, as gun violence continues unabated. Note that digital letters to lawmakers are also welcome, and information for contacting national and local officials through their websites is available at the table. Please take a few moments – this Sunday and other Sundays in the future – to write a letter to help bring God’s peace to our world, our nation, and our community. Questions? Contact Alice Rutherford alice@caloosaspirt.net or Sandy Wood csjlwood@att.net

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 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/>

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

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

A NOTE ON OUR CURRENT COVENANT OUTREACH GIVING

Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our WISE Covenant (May – August) Our current outreach recipients: The Julian Center, The UCC Mental Health Network, and The Trevor Project.



United Church of Christ
MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK™



THE JULIAN CENTER

- **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

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, June 19	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, June 19	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, June 21	4:30 PM	WISE Team Meeting
Thursday, June 23	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, June 23	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Psalm 42-43

Like a stag, a doe,
longing for streams of cool water,
my whole being longs for you, my God.
My soul aches with thirst for God,
for a god that lives!
When can I go and see God face to face?
My only food, day or night, is my tears;
they recriminate me:
“Where is your God?” they say.

These things I remember
as I pour out my soul like water—
how I'd go with the crowds
and lead them into God's house,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
drunk with the dance of celebration.

*“Why so dispirited?” I ask myself.
“Why so churned up inside? Hope in God!”
I know I'll praise God once again,
for you are my Deliverance;
you are my God.*

This is why my heart despairs:
I remember other days with you,
in the land of Jordan, on Mount Hermon
and the Hill of Mizar.
The primeval Deep is echoing
in the sound of your waterfalls;
your torrents rage and break over me,
overwhelming me.
Every day, YHWH, you ordain your love toward
me,
and during the night you bring me your song.
In my prayers to the God of my life,
I say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why do you keep me in mourning,

oppressed by an unseen enemy?”
My bones are shattered by their words,
foes taunt me constantly:
“Where is your God?” they say.

*“Why so dispirited?” I ask myself.
“Why so churned up inside? Hope in God!”
I know I'll praise God once again,
for you are my Deliverance;
you are my God.*

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Vindicate me, God!
Plead my cause before unjust judges!
Rescue me from a lying, deceitful accuser.
For you, O God, are my stronghold, my defense.
Why have you forgotten me?
Why do you keep me in mourning,
oppressed by an unseen enemy?

Send forth your light and your truth—
let them guide me,
let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling place.
Then at last I'll go up again
to the altar of God,
the God of my joy and delight.
My harp and lyre will sing your praise once again,
O God, my God.

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“Why so churned up inside? Hope in God!”
I know I'll praise God once again,
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A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

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