



## 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](mailto: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](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

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

Liturgist, Sue Chapman

**July 24, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

INTROIT

Psalm 111

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

GENEROSITY MOMENT

From Care and Connections

Video

SONG

Praise God's Name

(see insert)

THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amazing Grace


**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13

Sue Chapman

RESPONSE #764



This is what the Spir-it is say-ing to the church-es: Thanks be to God!

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: "This is what the Spir-it is say-ing to the church-es: Thanks be to God!". The piece ends with a double bar line.

SERMON

God is Good

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #423

Great is Your Faithfulness

*New Century Hymnal*

**WE RESPOND**

OFFERING

## INTERLUDE

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

### DOXOLOGY #778

Praise God from whom 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)

Christ, who calls us by name, these days call us to push past our comfort zones. Give us the courage to be honest about what we fear. Give us the patience to listen and reflect on the why and how our fears came to be. And give us the perseverance to stay present to this labor of examination, that we might be set free to follow you. 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 #769



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in - cline you ear to us, and grant us your peace.

## CLOSING SONG

## How Great Thou Art

(see insert)

## WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Praise God's Name

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

## CALLS to SERVE

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

"**Patio Psalms and Prayers**" returns for the month of July and August while Adult Ed takes a break. At 10 am, bring your lawn chair, your sunglasses and meet on the patio to reflect together on a selected Psalm. This is a great opportunity to share with one another in an outdoor natural setting, although depending on the weather, we may meet inside. The selected Psalm will be noted each week in the epistle, and handouts will be available. Come for the psalm, come for the prayer, come for the pleasure of one another's company.

**A New Call to Action! Today, Sunday July 24:** We will be writing letters in support of reproductive rights. State and local officials need to hear from YOU! Add your voice for justice! Help bring God's Just Peace to our world, our nation, and our community! Write a letter in the Narthex at your convenience.

### **Congregational Crafters: Calling all knitters, crocheters, sewers and crafters:**

The Indiana/Kentucky Conference of churches have been asked to make prayer shawls for the participants in next year's UCC Synod to be held in Indianapolis in June. Many years ago, we had a similar group from the church that met once a month to craft together and we thought this would be fun to resurrect our creative talents. We will meet at the church at 9:30 on the 4th Saturday of each month between now and then (weather and Covid restrictions permitting). We do have some yarn and patterns, but you are welcome to devise your own method (knitting, sewing, crocheting, quilting, chain mail is right out). Please let Linda Lupton know of your interest in joining the group ([lklupton@aol.com](mailto:lklupton@aol.com), 765-621-5763). **Our first meeting will be August 27th at 9:30 am.**

**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/>

**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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org), or 386-478-9012.

**How to Access our Zoom Gatherings** Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto: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.



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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](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)

**THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:**

Sunday, July 24	10:00 AM	Patio Psalms and Prayers
Sunday, July 24	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Thursday, July 28	11:45 AM	Women’s Lunch Bunch
Thursday, July 28	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group

## Today's Scripture

### Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying, and when he had finished, one of the disciples asked, "Rabbi, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Abba God, hallowed be your Name!

May your reign come.

Give us today

Tomorrow's bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we too forgive everyone who sins against us; and don't let us be subjected to the Test.' "

Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, a neighbor, and you go to your neighbor at midnight and say, 'Lend me three loaves of bread, because friends of mine on a journey have come to me, and I have nothing to set before them.' "Then your neighbor says, 'Leave me alone. The door is already locked and the children and I are in bed. I can't get up to look after your needs.' I tell you, though your neighbor will not get up to give you the bread out of friendship, your persistence will make your neighbor get up and give you as much as you need. "That's why I tell you, keep asking and you'll receive; keep looking and you'll find; keep knocking and the door will be opened to you. For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. What parents among you will give a snake to their child when the child asks for a fish, or a scorpion when the child asks for an egg?

If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will our heavenly Abba give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?"

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.*



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