



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: From 8/25-9/2 Pastoral Care will be covered by Rev. Worth Hartman. His email is worthgrover@sbcglobal.net and his cell is (317) 417-0806.

We celebrate our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her)

Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle (she/her)

External Communications Manager/Office Admin, Cassidy Hall (she/her)

Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker (he/him)

Media Technician, Ben James (he/him)

Just Peace Intern, Delaney Beh (they/them)

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

Worship Leader, Pastor Carol Sowle

Liturgist, Wendy Baldwin

August 28, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

The Body Is One

Sandberg

INTROIT

This Is The Day

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

Pastor Carol Sowle

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Whether you've donned a robe and are sitting up in the choir loft or not:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether you've had years of musical training or learned to sing in the shower:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether you've got the voice of an angel or are just doing good to make a joyful noise:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether you're confident and courageous in your singing or self-conscious and unsure:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether it's easy for you or a cross to you:

MANY: Sing!

ALL: Sing, and you will find in it a blessing that draws you closer to God and each other.

SONG #35

No Matter

Sing! Prayer and Praise

THE PEACE

Pastor Carol Sowle

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 150

Wendy Baldwin

RESPONSE #764



SERMON IN SONG

God is Making Music

Sean Baker

- #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (vs.4)
- #402 De colores (vs. 2)
- #277 Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 4)
- #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness (vs. 1)
- #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful (vs.1)
- #436 God of Grace and God of Glory (vs.1)

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Sing a Different Song

Bell

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)

Living Christ, you see each person as Wholly Beloved. We yearn to be saved from systems of evil that steal our birthright for flourishing. Weep with us for what we have lost through violence, our own mistakes, and the inevitable grief of life. With palm branches and shouts of praise, we welcome your ways of peace and 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 #769



CLOSING SONG #193

Go in Peace

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Pastor Carol Sowle

RESPONSE

Praise God's Name

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Children of God

Martin

CALLS to SERVE

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

"Patio Psalms and Prayers" is here for 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. Come for the psalm, come for the prayer, come for the pleasure of one another's company.

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

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings:
cassidy@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/> **Note:** Cash donations of \$1.00 or less are counted as donations to the current Covenant Outreach. Cash of \$5.00 or more should be put in pew envelopes with a designation of Pledge/Contribution, Covenant Outreach, or the specific charity. Unless designated, cash over \$5.00 will go to the church budget.

1857 Society Annual Luncheon The 1857 Society of the First Congregational Church is holding its annual luncheon for members and prospective members on Friday, September 16th at Noon at the church. There will be a catered lunch. The 1857 Society was created in October, 2018 in order to increase the endowment of First Congregational Church and secure its ministries for the future. The purpose of the 1857 Society is to recognize those individuals and families who have remembered First Congregational Church in their estate plans through a documented planned gift. More so, the Society serves to enable members and friends to witness the value of First Congregational Church in their lives and secure its ministries. If you can attend this gathering of committed members of First Congregational Church please RSVP with a number attending to Randy Walker, Chair of the First Congregational Church Foundation; either call 317-796-2081 or email aa28977rwalker@gmail.com.

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

The 988 Lifeline: 988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. (Please note, the previous 1-800-273-TALK (8255) number will continue to function indefinitely.) Click below to learn more about 988.

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, August 28	10:00 AM	Patio Psalms and Prayers
Sunday, August 28	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, August 30	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, September 1	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, September 1	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Psalm 150

Alleluia!

We praise you, YHWH, in your sanctuary;
we praise you in your mighty skies!
We praise you for your powerful deeds;
we praise you for your overwhelming glory!
We praise you with the blast of the trumpet;
we praise you with lyre and harp!
We praise you with timbrel and dance;
we praise you with strings and flute!
We praise you with clashing cymbals;
we praise you with resounding cymbals!
Let everything that has breath
praise YHWH!
Alleluia!

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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