



# 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:** From 9/3-9/11 Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey. His email is plainandfancy1963@att.net and his cell is 317-625-6801.

**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: \*Steve Coomer, Judy Fletcher, and Larry Eckel

Clerk: Janet Selby

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Singers

Liturgist, Sandy Wood

Worship Leader, Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

Guest Preacher, Seminarian Vickey Allen, of St. Peter's UCC

**September 4, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

Welcome to This House

Cowen

**INTROIT**

Make Me a Servant

**WELCOME**

Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

SONG #18

Come to Jesus

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**WE PROCLAIM**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28-30

Sandy Wood

RESPONSE #763



This is what the Spi-rit is sa-ying to the church-es: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

An Easy Yoke

Vickey Allen

SONG #448

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

INVITATION #788



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

RESPONSE

**WE RESPOND**

OFFERING

Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

INTERLUDE

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

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

Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

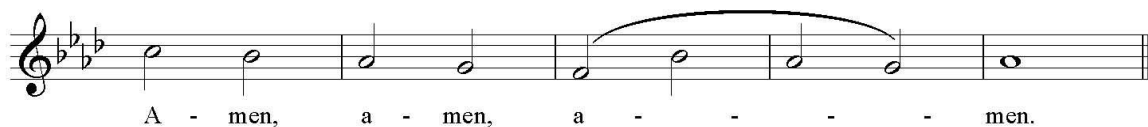
PRAYER (From enfleshed)

Holy Comforter, Divine Guide, even as Love leads us towards the places we fear the most, we hope to trust in you. When the shadow of the cross looms, keep us from retreating into privilege or isolation. Make us brave in our care for each other, leaving no one to go alone. 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 #812



## CLOSING SONG #207

Just as I Am

*New Century Hymnal*

**WE GO**

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Lisa K. Anderson

## RESPONSE

Make Me a Servant

## POSTLUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

**CALLS to SERVE**

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

**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.

**Publications:** Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website [FCIndy.org](http://FCIndy.org)

**How to Access our Zoom Gatherings** Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto: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](mailto:aa28977rwalker@gmail.com).

**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](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)

## A Note on our Current Covenant Outreach Giving

Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Open and Affirming Covenant (September – December) Our current outreach recipients are Indiana Youth Group, Trinity Haven, and the Damien Center.



### THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, September 4	10:00 AM	Adult Ed is Back (In-Person or on Zoom)
Sunday, September 4	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, September 6	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, September 6	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Wednesday, September 7	7:00 PM	Trustees
Thursday September 8	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

## Today's Scripture

### Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me,  
all you who labor and carry heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon your shoulders  
and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble of heart.  
Here you will find rest for your souls,  
for my yoke is easy  
and my burden is light.”

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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