



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: 9/18-9/23 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, Steve Coomer, and Larry Eckel

Clerk: Janet Selby

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Singers

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Jesse Wittman, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Liturgist, Alice Rutherford

Rev. Elizabeth Price

September 18, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

INTROIT

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Price

JUST PEACE GREETINGS

A Video Message from the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The barriers feel tall- between people, communities and nations.

All: Christ tears down the barriers between us.

One: The barriers feel wide- between heaven and earth.

All: Christ tears down the barriers between us.

One: The barriers feel large- on the long path to peace.

All: Christ tears down the barriers between us.

One: Let us worship the God of peace and justice. Amen.

SONG #593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

Alice Rutherford

RESPONSE #763



SERMON

When Peace Disrupts Power

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG #402

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New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Let There Be Peace on Earth Miller, Jackson, arr. Baker

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

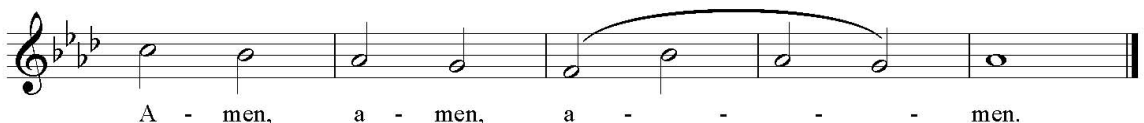
PRAYER

Unifying God, thank you for your vision to break through barriers to build peace. Break though again today, disrupting the status quo with a new message preached from your word. Stir in our hearts, so that there might be healing, wholeness and peace. 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 #173 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore *New Century Hymnal*

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Elizabeth Price

RESPONSE

Wherever You Go

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

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, or 386-478-9012.

Providing Care and Connection with our Church Family – Cards in the Narthex

If you are worshipping in person, please look for cards to sign in the Narthex. These will be a variety of birthday wishes, get well, or thinking-of-you cards, which we will then send to folks. This is a way to show our love and support for those in our church family. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin

Playground Playdates are back! Join us for age-appropriate stories, songs, and snacks! Sundays following worship, 12:15-12:45, October 2, November 16, December 14. First Congregational Church, 7171 N. Pennsylvania St., Outdoor Playground or Family Room (depending on weather)

The Library Team Invites you to an Open House! Join us on Sunday September 25th after worship in the Adult Library on the second floor at the south end of the building. Refreshments will be provided. We are excited to introduce you to the many new books we have, including over 20 new mental health books donated by the WISE Mental Health Team. We have reference books, books about faith and religion, books about justice issues, biographies and some non religious fiction books. It is easy to take books out- just fill out the card with your name and date then leave it in the green metal box. There's no time limit for keeping the books, though we'd like to get them back eventually. Also, there's no late fees. What a deal! Hope to see you in the library on **Sunday September 25th after the worship service.**

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.

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

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 18	10:00 AM	Adult Ed is Back (In-Person Only)
Sunday, September 18	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Tuesday, September 20	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, September 20	4:30 PM	WISE Team meeting
Thursday, September 22	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch
Thursday September 22	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a wealthy landowner who, having received reports of a steward mismanaging the property, summoned the steward and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Give me an account of your service, for it’s about to come to an end.’ The steward thought, ‘What will I do next? My employer is going to fire me. I can’t dig ditches. I’m ashamed to go begging. I have it! Here’s a way to make sure that people will take me into their homes when I’m let go.’ “So the steward called in each of the landowner’s debtors. The steward said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my employer?’ The debtor replied, ‘A hundred jars of oil.’ The steward said, ‘Take your invoice, sit down quickly and make it fifty.’ To another the steward said, ‘How much do you owe?’ The answer came, ‘A hundred measures of wheat,’ and the steward said, ‘Take your invoice and make it eighty.’ “Upon hearing this, the owner gave this devious worker credit for being enterprising! Why? Because the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. So I tell you: make friends for yourselves through your use of this world’s goods, so that when they fail you, you’ll be welcomed into an eternal home. If you can trust others in little things, you can also trust them in greater, and anyone unjust in a slight matter will also be unjust in a greater. If you can’t be trusted with filthy lucre, who will trust you with true riches? And if you haven’t been trustworthy with someone else’s money, who will give you your own? “Subordinates can’t have two superiors. Either they’ll hate the one and love the other, or be attentive to the one and despise the other. You can’t worship both God and Money.”

**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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