



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 our leadership.

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 (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

Handbell Choir

Jesse Wittman, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Just Peace Intern, Delaney Beh

Liturgist, Katie Booth

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

October 16, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Gather Us In

M. Haugen

INTROIT

Festive Flourish

M. Joy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Am Human

UCC Disabilities Ministry

SONG #67

You Are the One

Sing! Prayer and Praise

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

Katie Booth

ANTHEM

Festive Flourish

Handbell Choir

RESPONSE #763



This is what the Spi-rit is sa-ying 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 three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "This is what the Spi-rit is sa-ying to the church-es: Thanks be to God!".

SERMON

God's Got This

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #73

Like a Healing Stream

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

LANCASHIRE

DOXOLOGY

We give to you what is your own,
Whatever here those gifts may be.
All that we have is yours alone.
We give it back most gratefully.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

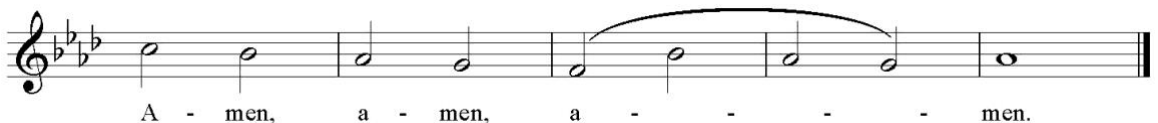
PRAYER (adapted from enfleshed)

Doula God, thank you for co-laboring with us as we tend seeds of collective liberation. Align our spirits with yours, that we might be present to the non-linear evolution of our lives without shaming or being shamed. Supply us with curious minds and peace in our bodies. 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 #471

What a Covenant

New Century Hymnal

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

You Are the One

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

VILLE DU HAVRE

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

TODAY after Church – Join us for cake and ice cream for fellowship and to celebrate the return of Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund!

Date Correction, Church Council Meeting – This month’s council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:00 PM

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.

The Memorial Service for Bill Gillette: Will be held at FC Indy on Friday, October 28th at 1:00 PM.

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

NEXT WEEK: CROP Walk – This is the 53rd year for the CROP Walk in Indianapolis, and FC Indy has participated in each one. The CROP Walk works to raise money to “end hunger one step at a time”, and the challenge continues to increase. This year, participating groups are asked to have their own CROP “Walk”, and here is the plan for our church:

-On Sunday, 10/23, we will have a symbolic CROP walk around the church’s neighborhood. It will begin following worship, and last about a half hour. Please join us for this symbolic walk.

-You can contribute by making out a check to the church and designating it for CROP

-If you would like to participate in the walk, register at this site or sign up in the Narthex. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and help improve food insecurity in communities around the world. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin.

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, October 16	10:00 AM	Adult Ed is Back (In-Person Only)
Sunday, October 16	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Sunday, October 16	After Worship	Welcome Back Pastor Sarah: cake and ice cream!
Tuesday, October 18	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 18	1:30 PM	Circle Book Club
Tuesday, October 18	3:30 PM	Worship and Faith Meeting
Tuesday, October 18	4:30 PM	WISE Team Meeting
Wednesday, October 19	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday October 20	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the mountains—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from YHWH,
who made heaven and earth!
YHWH Won't let our footsteps slip:
our Guardian never sleeps.
the Guardian of Israel
will never slumber, never sleep!
YHWH Is our Guardian;
YHWH is our shade:
with God by our side,
The sun cannot overpower us by day,
nor the moon at night.
YHWH guards us from harm,
guards our lives.
YHWH guards our leaving
and our coming back,
now and forever.

**A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.**

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