



# 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](mailto: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

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Liturgist, Judy Fletcher

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

**October 23, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

**Blessed Quietness**

**arr. Baker**

**INTROIT**

**Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped**

**Mayflower Singers**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 65)

Leader: We gather to praise you O God of our salvation.

**People:** O God you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Leader: We gather here to celebrate God's love for the world.

**People:** We are forgiven, we are loved, we are whole, just as we are.

Leader: God of Love, bless our gathering and fill our worship with your Spirit as we sing with joy.

SONG #4

Spirit, Fill Me

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

THE PEACE

Delaney Beh

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**


## WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:6-8;16-18

Judy Fletcher

RESPONSE #763



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

SERMON

Keeping the Faith

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #595

Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)

*New Century Hymnal*

## WE RESPOND

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

INTERLUDE

I Am Available to You

A. Cáceres

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 enflashed)

Holy Spirit, the voice of perfectionism is not your voice. The story of relentless achievement is not your story. And yet, ways of domination have taught us that there are ways we must act in order to be loved; there are things we must do in order to be worthy of our needs being met. Undo these stories within us, Living Christ, that we may float in the luminous space of our inherent belovedness. 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



A - men, a - men, a - - - - - men.

The image shows a musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - - - - - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating the duration of each note.



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

**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](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.

**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, October 23	10:00 AM	Adult Ed is Back (In-Person Only)
Sunday, October 23	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, October 25	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, October 27	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch
Thursday, October 27	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, October 27	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Friday, October 28	1:00 PM	Bill Gillette Memorial Service
Saturday, October 29	9:30 AM	Congregational Crafters

## Today's Scripture

### 2 Timothy 4:6-8;16-18

#### 6-8

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

#### 16-18

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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FCINDY DOT ORG



$\text{♩} = 130$

G C/G D G G/B

May you run and not be wear-

C6 D GMaj7

- y. May your heart be filled with song. And may the

G G/B C6 Am7

love of God con-tin - ue to give you hope and

D G G/B

keep you strong. And may you run and not be wear -

C6 Am D E

- y. May your life be filled with joy. And may the

Am C/D D G C/G

road you trav - el al-ways lead you home.

1 G C/G 2 G C/G D G

May you

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 130. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by two first and second endings.