



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

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Liturgist, Gini Coomer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

October 30, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

Thompson

INTROIT

I Was Glad

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 119)

One: We gather to worship God who is righteous and compassionate.

All: God welcomes us, just as we are, blessing us with love and kindness.

One: When life overwhelms us, we know we can trust in God's peace. God's promise to be with us is eternal.

All: We take comfort in God's everlasting presence. Let us worship God with open hearts, minds, and spirits.

SONG #547 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *New Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE

Delaney Beh

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Zacchaeus

Sean Baker

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

Gini Coomer

RESPONSE #763



SERMON

Finding Jesus Planted Near the Edges

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #551

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

INTERLUDE

You Are Welcome Here

New Creation Ensemble

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

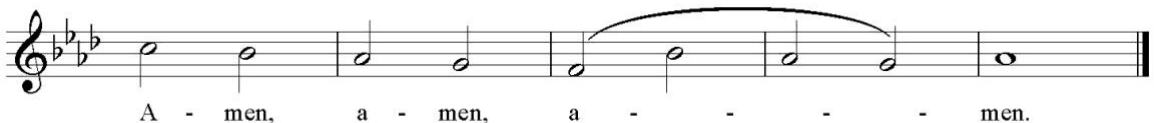
PRAYER (adapted from enfleshed)

Gracious One, your love challenges us to examine our lives and our hearts. As we search within, illuminate what binds us. Point us in the direction of freedom. And companion us in creating paths of justice. 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 #217

Peace I Leave with You

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Alleluia

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Praise God's Name

Reinhardt

CALLS to SERVE

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

WISE Mental Health Team Zoom Buzz today at 1 p.m. E.D.T by JanetLynn Taylor and Helen Walsh concerning Accessibility and the Intersection of Spirituality and Mental Health. The presentation will last about an hour and will be accessible on the church Zoom in the same way as all our meetings.

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

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 30	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, October 30	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Sunday, October 30	1:00 PM	Buzz with the Mental Health Team (Zoom)
Tuesday, November 1	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, November 1	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Wednesday, November 2	7:00 PM	Trustee's Meeting
Thursday, November 3	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight. When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold." Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

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

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