



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

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Liturgist, Wendy Baldwin

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

November 6, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

Come, My People

Martin, Cliffe

INTROIT

I Was Glad

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 145)
One: We gather as one to bless God and praise God forever and ever.
All: Great is our God, and greatly to be praised; God’s greatness is unsearchable.
One: From generation to generation we will celebrate God’s love and share the good news.
All: Today we meditate on the glorious splendor of Creation.
One: Today we give thanks for God’s loving justice for the oppressed.
All: We affirm God’s compassionate presence is near to all who call upon God.
One: May our worship fill our hearts with praise as we bless God’s holy name forever and ever.

SONG #152	Living the Jubilee	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i>
THE PEACE		Delaney Beh
One: The Peace of Christ be with you.		
People: And also with you.		
RESPONSIVE PSALM 145:1-5, 17-21		(see insert)

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Wendy Baldwin
RESPONSE	Your Word	Mayflower Singers
SERMON	Tending to the Soul	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #237	I Come to the Garden Alone	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

INVITATION

Mayflower Singers

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

INTERLUDE

Change My Heart, O God

Espinosa

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

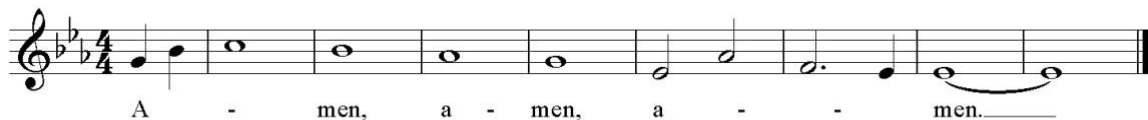
PRAYER (adapted from enfleshed)

God Who is With Us, we long for our beloveds who have died. You do not ask us to make a lesson of grief. You do not ask us to be like the fall leaves, beautiful in our letting go. We ache, rage, and fold ourselves in. We find peace, get by, and make meaning. Hold it all, Holy Spirit. Hold us, your people, too. 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 #813



CLOSING SONG #299

For All the Saints

New Century Hymnal

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Alleluia

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

There's Bread for the Journey

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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.

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.

CROP Walk Results – A group of 6 FC members and 2 guests participated in our symbolic CROP Walk on Sunday, Oct 23. And many of you have generously contributed to raise about \$2000 to

help Church World Service with hunger issues, both locally and globally. You can still donate – just identify your check or online gift as going to CROP. Thanks for your gifts towards this important outreach ministry!

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, November 6	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, November 6	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, November 8	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, November 10	1:00 PM	Men’s Lunch
Thursday, November 10	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

1-5

Concerning the coming of Jesus Christ and our being gathered to meet our Savior: we beg you, sisters and brothers, don't become easily agitated or disturbed by some prophecy, report or letter falsely attributed to us, which says that the day of our Savior has come. Let no one deceive you, in any way. It cannot happen until the Great Falling Away occurs, and the rebel, the Lost One, has appeared.

This is the Enemy, the one who claims to be so much greater than all that people call "God," greater than every object of worship—so much so that it enthrones itself in God's sanctuary and claims to be God. Surely you remember me telling you these things when I was with you?

13-17

But we ought to thank God always for you, sisters and brothers loved by Christ, because God chose you from the beginning—to be saved by the sanctifying Spirit and by believing in the truth. God called you through our preaching of the Good News, so that you might gain the glory of our Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, sisters and brothers, stand firm. Hold fast to the traditions you received from us, either by word of mouth or by letter. May our Savior Jesus Christ and our Abba God—who loved us and in mercy gave us eternal consolation and hope—console your hearts and strengthen them for every good work and word.

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

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Response

Antiphon: *Vérne de la Peña, 1994*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "I will med - i - tate on your won - drous works." The music features several chords indicated above the staff: GM7, A7/G, F#m7, B7, Em9, GM7, Dsus4, and D. The piece concludes with a final D chord in the bass staff.

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1-5 I will extol you, my God, my Ruler,
and I will bless your Name forever and ever!
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your Name forever and ever!
Great you are, YHWH, and greatly to be praised;
your greatness is unfathomable.

Generation after generation praises your works
and proclaims your mighty deeds; *R*
they'll speak of the splendor
of your glorious majesty,
and I will meditate on your wondrous acts.

17-21 YHWH, you are just in all your ways
and loving toward all that you have created.

You are near to all who call upon you,
all who call upon you in truth.
You fulfill the desires of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and save them.

You watch over all who love you, YHWH,
but you'll destroy all who are corrupt.

My mouth will speak your praise, YHWH,
and may all creation bless your holy Name forever and ever! *R*