



## 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

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Jesse Wittman, String Bass

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Liturgist, Corinne Summers

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

**November 13, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**INTROIT**

I Was Glad

Mayflower Singers

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIIP (Inspired by Psalm 98)  
One: Let us sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
**All:** God’s right hand and holy arm hold us in love.  
One: We gather in worship to give thanks for God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.  
**All:** Let us make a joyful noise to God, joining all the earth we break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

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| SONG #569 | Touch The Earth Lightly | <i>New Century Hymnal</i> |
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| THE PEACE                             |  | Delaney Beh |
| One: The Peace of Christ be with you. |  |             |
| <b>People: And also with you.</b>     |  |             |

WE PROCLAIM

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| ANTHEM | God’s Grace | Kelso |
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| SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 65:17-25 | Corinne Summers |
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| RESPONSE | Your Word | Mayflower Singers |
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| SERMON | Picking Up and Giving Back | Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund |
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| SONG #28 | For the Beauty of the Earth | <i>New Century Hymnal</i> |
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## WE RESPOND

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

INTERLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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

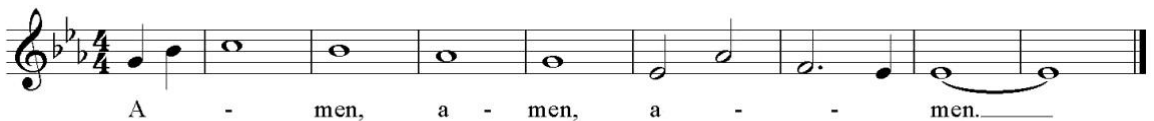
PRAYER (adapted from enfleshed)

Sustaining One, these are serious times. We feel the significance of the coming days and weeks. We hold in mind and heart beloveds, neighbors, and all who feel vulnerable. In our anxieties, our fears, and our longings, bring your peace that enables courage, and plant us firmly in your love that will not be overcome. 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 #192

Carry the Light

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

**WE GO**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Alleluia

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Carry the Light

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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](mailto: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](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:

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| Sunday, November 13    | 10:00 AM | Adult Ed (In-Person Only)                         |
| Sunday, November 13    | 11:00 AM | Sunday Hybrid Worship<br>(In-Person, YouTube, FB) |
| Tuesday, November 15   | 1:00 PM  | Staff Meeting (Zoom)                              |
| Tuesday, November 15   | 1:30 PM  | Circle Book Meeting                               |
| Tuesday, November 15   | 4:30 PM  | WISE Team Meeting                                 |
| Wednesday, November 16 | 7:00 PM  | Church Council Meeting                            |
| Thursday, November 17  | 5:00 PM  | Spiritual Support Group<br>(Zoom)                 |

## Today's Scripture

### Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create  
new heavens and a new earth!  
The things of the past  
will not be remembered or come to mind!  
Be glad and rejoice forever and ever in what I create,  
because I now create Jerusalem to be a joy  
and its people to be a delight!  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
or the cry of distress.  
No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but  
a few days,  
or old people who do not live out their days.  
They die as mere youths  
who reach but a hundred years,  
and those who fall short of a hundred  
will be thought accursed.  
At last they will live in the houses they build,  
and eat the fruit of the vineyard they plant.  
They will not build for another to inhabit;  
they will not plant for another to eat.  
For the days of my people  
will be like the days of a tree,  
and my chosen ones will enjoy  
the fruit of their labors.  
They will not labor in vain  
or bear children doomed to die;  
for they and their descendants  
are a people blessed by God.  
Even before they call upon me, I will answer;  
and while they speak, I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb will feed side by side;  
the lion will eat straw like an ox.  
Serpents will be content to crawl on the ground;  
they will not injure or destroy  
in all my holy mountain,"  
says YHWH.

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

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