



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.

A Message from our Church Council regarding COVID: While we navigate the continuing pandemic, we request that you remain up to date with your vaccinations. Mask as needed. Please stay home if you feel unwell.

–Church Council resolution of November 16th, 2022

Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah is on vacation January 16–22 and Pastor Carol is to be contacted for pastoral care. She may be reached at casowle@gmail.com

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, Noah Giddings (he/him)

We celebrate our church leadership:

Senior Councilors: *Steve Coomer, Judy Fletcher, and Larry Eckel

Clerk: Janet Selby

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

Building Manager, Wendy Baldwin

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Singers

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Liturgist, Rev. Elizabeth Price

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

January 15, 2023

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Come Sweet Justice

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INTROIT

I Was Glad

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from enfleshed)

God comes to dwell among us.

In flesh like ours.

In flesh like our neighbors.

In flesh like the creatures and creations of the earth.

Made in the image of God, all life and all lives are potential sites of the Sacred.

Every moment is an opportunity enflesh the Holy among us.

Where there is beauty and connection, liberation and freedom, practices of care and compassion:

The presence of God is among us.

SONG #475

God's Eye is on the Sparrow

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

John 1:29-42

Rev. Elizabeth Price

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

All That We Are

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG #495

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

MEDITATION Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters Ruth Duck, B. F. White

DOXOLOGY

To you O God we here do raise
our song and gifts of thankful praise.
The Christmas Child protect from harm,
and keep all children safe and warm.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER (adapted from enfleshed)

Spirit of Truth, come and search our hearts. What attention might our souls need? Where there is resentment building, pain unaddressed, or unresolved conflict still weighing heavy, tend to our needs. Guide us in your wisdom as we seek healing and repair. Help us to support one another in the sacred labors of nurturing love from within. 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

Mayflower Singers

CLOSING SONG #120

Dream God's Dream

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Glory! Glory! Glory!

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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CALLS to SERVE

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

New Member Sunday is January 29th! Thinking about making First Congregational your spiritual home? We will welcome new members Sunday, January 29 during worship. Contact Pastor Sarah if you feel God calling you to join our mission and ministry to build a more just and loving world for all. Email Pastor Sarah at PastorSarah@fcindy.org

The Annual Meeting! Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 PM! All are welcome to join our Annual Meeting to learn about FC Indy over the past year.

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.

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, January 15	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, January 15	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, January 17	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, January 17	1:30 PM	Circle Book Meeting
Thursday, January 19	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, January 19	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (ZOOM)

Today's Scripture

John 1:29-42

The next day, catching sight of Jesus approaching, John exclaimed, “Look, there’s God’s sacrificial lamb, who takes away the world’s sin! This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.’ I didn’t recognize him, but it was so that he would be revealed to Israel that I came baptizing with water.” John also gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and she came to rest on him. I didn’t recognize him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, that is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself and have testified that this is the Only Begotten of God.” The next day, John was by the Jordan again with two of his disciples. Seeing Jesus walk by, John said, “Look! There’s the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following, he asked them, “What are you looking for?” They replied, “Rabbi,”—which means “Teacher”—“where are you staying?” “Come and see,” Jesus answered. So they went to see where he was staying, and they spent the rest of the day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. One of the two who had followed Jesus after hearing John was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find Simon Peter and say, “We’ve found the Messiah!”—which means “the Anointed One.” Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, who looked hard at him and said, “You are Simon ben-Jonah; I will call you ‘Rock’ ”—that is, “Peter.”

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

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