



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, Steve Coomer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

January 22, 2023

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

INTROIT

Be Still and Know

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from enfleshed)

Wherever you are, bring your blessed body to worship –

Your body that moves through time and space,
that allows you to embrace another.

If you feel strong or strange in your body, come.

If you feel complex or content in your body, come.

All flesh bears witness to the Divine.

Let us welcome the Spirit, living and breathing in our very being

SONG #451

Be Now My Vision

New Century Hymnal

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Matt 4:12-23 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Steve Coomer

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

What People Need is...

Pastor Carol Sowle

SONG #58

Waiting for the Touch of God *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

WE RESPOND

OFFERING

MEDITATION

I Am Available to You

Cáceres

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)

God With Us, we honor what our bodies have made it through to be here today -- the pain and joy that circulates in our systems and lives in our cells. Though we often silence the testimonies of our flesh, you, Incarnate One, ask us to pay attention. May we learn to listen to our bodies, to honor their vulnerability, to love our flesh and build systems of bodily autonomy and care. We remember, our bodies are your body. Teach us to treat them as such.
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 #191

Give Us Vision

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE GO

BENEDICTION

Pastor Carol Sowle

RESPONSE

Glory! Glory! Glory!

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Creator God, Creating Still

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 22	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, January 22	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, January 24	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, November 22	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, January 26	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch
Saturday, January 28	9:30 AM	Congregational Crafters
Sunday, January 29	1:00 PM	The Annual Meeting

Today's Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he went back to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali.

In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

the way to the sea on the far side of the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death

a light has dawned.”

From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message,

“Change your hearts and minds, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he watched two brothers—Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew—casting a net into the sea. They fished by trade. Jesus said to them, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind.” They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus. Jesus walked along further and caught sight of a second pair of brothers—James and John, ben-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, mending their nets with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they abandoned both boat and father to follow him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of heaven and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses among the people.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I beg you, sisters and brothers, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, to agree in your message. Let there be no factions; rather, be united in mind and judgment. I have been informed, my sisters and brothers, by certain members of Chloe's household, that you are quarreling among yourselves. What I mean is, one of you is saying, “I belong to Paul,” another, “I belong to Apollos,” still another, “I belong to Cephas,” still another, “I belong to Christ.” What—has Christ been divided into parts? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul's name that you were baptized? Frankly, I'm thankful I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that none of you can say you were baptized in my name! Oh yes, I did baptize the household of Stephanas, but no one else as far as I can remember. The point is, Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel—not with human rhetoric, however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning! For the message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us who are experiencing salvation, it is the power of God.

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

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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