



# 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 may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).  
**In-Person Office Hours:** Cassidy (church admin) and Pastor Sarah are in office Thursdays from 9am-12.

**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: \*Judy Fletcher, Steve Coomer, and Bob Cook

Clerk: Alice Rutherford

Treasurer: Jim Lootens

Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

Building Manager: Wendy Baldwin

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Mayflower Singers

Scott Semester, Worship Song Leader

Jesse Wittman, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Liturgist, Sue Chapman

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund

**February 12, 2023**

**11:00 A.M.**

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

*Asterisk (\*) indicates those who choose to may stand in body/spirit.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

**How Great Thou Art**

arr. Baker

**INTROIT**

**Seraphic Hymn**

A. Howard

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from enfleshed)

Sue Chapman

Holy Wisdom gathers us together with tenderness and care.

**With gentleness, She calls us into the dwelling place of God.**

Our pain, our fears, and all our unmet longings - they are safe in Her embrace.

**In the company of God, we tend honestly to the state of our souls.**

In the depths of our being, She dwells with Her healing love.

**In due time, God mends the broken heart.**

The Beloved One says, "come."

**Let all who long for restoration bring every ache and ill.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*New*

*Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE

Noah Giddings

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21-37

Sue Chapman

RESPONSE

SERMON

From the Heart

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF RESPONSE No. 187     Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary     *Sing!*  
*Prayer and Praise*

## WE RESPOND

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all the love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

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

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH No. 4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You *New  
Century Hymnal*

## WE GO

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE Peace I Leave with You, My Friends R. Repp

POSTLUDE Called as Partners in Christ's Service arr. Baker

## 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

**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)

## GIVING

*We seek to love and to share our joy.*

**Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant.**

Our current outreach recipients: Exodus Refugee, Peace Learning Center, Family Promise, and Faith In Indiana.

## THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, February 12	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, February 12	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, February 14	3:30 PM	Worship and Faith Meeting
Tuesday, February 14	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, February 15	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday, February 16	9 AM -12	In-Person Office Hours
Thursday, February 16	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### Matthew 5:21-37

“You’ve heard that our ancestors were told, ‘No killing’ and, ‘Every murderer will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that everyone who is angry with sister or brother is subject to judgment; anyone who says to sister or brother, ‘I spit in your face!’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin; and anyone who vilifies them with name-calling will be subject to the fires of Gehenna.

“If you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your sister or brother has a grudge against you, leave your gift there at the altar. Go to be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift.

“Lose no time in settling with your opponents—do so while still on the way to the courthouse with them. Otherwise your opponents may hand you over to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the bailiff, who will throw you into prison. I warn you, you won’t get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You’ve heard the commandment, ‘No committing adultery.’ But I tell you that those who look lustfully at others have already committed adultery with them in their hearts. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away. It’s better to lose part of your body than to have it all cast into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It’s better to lose part of your body than to have it all cast into Gehenna.

“It was also said, ‘Whenever a couple divorces, each partner must get a decree of divorce.’ But I tell you that everyone who divorces—except because of adultery—forces the spouse to commit adultery. Those who marry the divorced also commit adultery.

“Again, you have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘Don’t break your vow; fulfill all oaths made to our God.’ But I tell you not to swear oaths at all. Don’t swear by heaven, for it is God’s throne; don’t swear by the earth, for it is God’s footstool. Don’t swear by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great Ruler. And don’t swear by your own head, for you can’t make a single hair white or black. Say ‘Yes’ when you mean ‘Yes’ and ‘No’ when you mean ‘No.’ Anything beyond that is from the Evil One.

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

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