



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.

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 Director, 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

Handbell Choir

Gini Coomer, pianist

Pastor Sarah, liturgist

Rev. Jerry Zehr, preacher



WE PROCLAIM

COME AS A CHILD

INTRO AND RESPONSE

I Dream of a Church

Mayflower Singers

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25: 31-40

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

PRAYER POEM

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON

Rev. Jerry Zehr

RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

PRAYERS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

Let Justice Roll

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

MEDITATION

Meditation

C.S. Morrison

*DOXOLOGY

For death-defying hope, we praise;
for love that conquers all, we raise
For justice here on earth we sing
and righteousness as if a stream.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the gift of this church and its work in the world,
we give thanks.

For the way in which these offerings can embody our welcome
to friend and stranger alike,

we give thanks.

For the gift of this community bound and working together,
we give thanks.

*CLOSING HYMN #588

Let Justice Flow like Streams

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**May the song you sing in your heart
be pleasing to God,
moving you to the passion and compassion of Jesus,
uplifted by a Spirit
that keeps you humming life's tune of love.
Amen.**

RESPONSE

The Peace of the Earth

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Minuet

J.S. Bach

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Letter writing in the Narthex: Materials provided by the WISE Mental Health Team who will help you write a short letter to your state representative supporting full funding of the 9-8-8 mental health crisis line in Indiana. Please help Faith in Indiana get this bill passed for those who need this service now and in the future.

Faith in Indiana and the Black Church Coalition

will gather at the Indiana State Capital **Tuesday March 14th at 11 a.m.** to push for funding for SB 1 for this coming year. This bill for mental health crisis care is tied to the new nationwide 988 crisis number. If there's no funding, crisis care is in jeopardy! Attend please, if possible and lend your support. Let others know so as many people as possible show up to tell legislators this funding is a priority.

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.

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. (call or text)

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

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, March 12	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, March 12	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, March 14	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 14	3:30 PM	Worship and Faith Meeting
Wednesday, March 15	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday, March 16	9AM – 12	In-office Hours
Thursday, March 16	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (ZOOM)

Today's Scripture

Matthew 25: 31-40

“At the appointed time the Promised one will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left. “The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then these just will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’ The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my sisters or brothers, you did it for me.’

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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