



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

Alice Rutherford

Donna Wenzel

Corinne Summers



March 5, 2023

11:00 AM

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

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

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Roll Down, Justice! M. Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

THE CALL Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Holy and Living God, we long for your justice, for your peace.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

We long to be released from the shackles of fear and injustice.

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

We wait O God, crying "How Long?"

May peace flow. Let justice roll.

**Roll down! Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever-flowing stream,
flowing stream, roll down!**

PEACE

*OPENING HYMN #517 I Need You Every Hour *New Century Hymnal*
*(*use "we, us, our")*

WE PROCLAIM

COME AS A CHILD Alice Rutherford

INTRO AND RESPONSE How Long? Mayflower Singers

SCRIPTURE Psalm 13 Donna Wenzel

RESPONSE Mayflower Singers

PRAYER POEM Corinne Summers

RESPONSE Mayflower Singers

SERMON How Long: Renouncing Evil Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

RESPONSE Mayflower Singers

WE RESPOND

INVITATION AND COMMUNION 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 How Long? M. Miller

***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 righteous indignation that can fuel our compassion,
we give thanks.

For these offerings which can become ways to alleviate injustice,
we give thanks.

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

***CLOSING HYMN #23** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *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

Roll Down, Justice!

M. Miller

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Letter writing in the Narthex before/after worship March 5th. 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.

Indiana-Kentucky Conference SE Association Lenten Breakfast at FC Indy! All are welcome join at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 11th as we host a Lenten breakfast at FC Indy!

New Member Sunday is March 12th! Interested in making FC Indy your home church? Contact Pastor Sarah: pastorsarah@fcindy.org

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 5	10:00 AM	Adult Ed (In-Person Only)
Sunday, March 5	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Tuesday, March 7	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, March 9	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (ZOOM)

Today's Scripture

Psalm 13

How long, YHWH? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my anguish,
and wallow in despair all day long?
How long will my enemy win over me?
Look at me! Answer me, YHWH, my God!
Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed,"
lest my foes rejoice when I fall.
I trust in your love;
my heart rejoices
in the deliverance you bring.
I'll sing to you, YHWH,
for being so good to 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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