



# 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, and WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for mental health church, with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQAAIL+ community.

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.

We welcome all who worship with us today and include **all ages** in our hybrid worship service. We invite guests and members to fill out a Welcome/Prayer card found in the pew holder, and put it in the offering plate. Children are invited to play quietly in the “pryground” at the front of the church, or use a “Quiet Bag” found in the Narthex.

**\*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 please speak with our minister.

**Pastoral Care:** You may reach out to Pastor Sarah for Pastoral Care. She may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

**In-Person Office Hours:** Cassidy (church admin) is in office Thursdays from 10:30-1:30pm. Contact her if you have a need at [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto:cassidy@fcindy.org). Pastor Sarah can meet by appointment.

Out of concern for community health, we request that you remain up to date with your vaccinations. Mask as needed. Please stay home if you feel unwell.

**Masks can be found in the narthex.**

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Preacher  
Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director  
Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader  
Mayflower Singers  
Jackson Procise (he/him), Peace Moment  
Ben James (he/him), Media Technician  
Scott Semester, Liturgist  
Handbell Choir  
Aurelia Glennan-March, Violin  
Jacob Smith, String Bass  
Mike Kessler, Percussion

**March 31, 2023**

**A Whole New Creation**

**11:00 AM**

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

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

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE                      Crown Him with Many Crowns                      arr David Angerman

INTROIT                                      New Life                                      Mayflower Singers  
*Entering Into the Sacred*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING DIALOGUE                                      Alice Rutherford & Scott Semester

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to you this Easter morning, O God, seeking to fill our hearts with your love.

**All: We come to this place to remember you love us just as we are.**

Leader: We gather to worship God with our whole hearts.

**All: We come to this time of worship to be renewed in body, mind, and spirit. We seek to remember our wholeness.**

Leader: Let us come into this time of worship of the Holy One and become wholly God's.

\*SONG OF PRAISE #233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*New Century  
Hymnal*

FAITHFUL REFLECTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

**Sometimes we forget that we are whole. Too often we believe the lies the world tells us: that we are not enough. Today we claim our wholeness in Christ. Help us, Holy God, to share your love with the oppressed people of the world. Help us to honor our wholeness as a new Creation. Amen.**

ANTHEM

A Language of Love

Sean Baker

\*SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. K.L. Phillips

## WE ENCOUNTER

LESSONS and HYMNS

- 1 Corinthians 15:53-57  
Song #242 The Strife Is O'er (vs. 1,2)
- Luke 24:1-10  
Song #240 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (vs. 1,5)
- Matthew 27:57-28:7  
Song #238 Now the Green Blade Rises (vs. 2,3)
- Psalm 20:5 & Philippians 4:4  
Song #55 Rejoice You Pure in Heart (vs. 1,4,5)
- Mark 16:1-8  
Song #245 The Day of Resurrection

MESSAGE

Whole-Hearted Resurrection

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION #156

New Life

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Sean Baker

\*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

**The Resurrection now has come.**

**Christ's justice work must still be done.**

**These gifts we bring are for that goal,**

**To share and care for every soul.**

## WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

\*SONG OF SENDING

Up From the Grave He Arose

*(see insert)*

## \*BENEDICTION

### *Blessing*

**Beloved of God, remember that you are holy and whole. Be a blessing and share the hope of Easter with all the world. Go now in peace, knowing that together we can build a more just world for all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Michael Thomas

## Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

**Updated Address Directories:** Printed updated directories are now available in the Narthex. Please pick one up, as there have been a lot of updates this past year. If you would like an electronic version, contact Wendy Baldwin, [wbaldwinindy@gmail.com](mailto:wbaldwinindy@gmail.com).

**Youth Group:** Join the FC Indy Youth Group, meeting Fridays from 6:30-8:30PM. We will have pizza and games and be a safe space for middle school and high school students.

**Cards to Our Church Family** – Please sign the cards on our “card stand”, for those celebrating birthdays, or in need of prayers.

**Food Donations to Northside Pantry** – Help those with hunger insecurity by bringing donations of canned or boxed food, and place in the baskets in the Narthex.

**Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM** – Several options are available on Sundays before worship. Join our Adult Ed group for thoughtful study and discussion (upstairs at church). Or go to choir practice to rehearse for that morning’s singing; all skill levels welcome!



Thank You for Your Financial Gifts! Our current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant that includes support for the following organizations: Exodus Refugee Immigration, the Peace Learning Center, and Family Promise.



Gifts of single dollars, or those designated to Covenant Outreach, are divided equally to these groups, unless otherwise specified. Also, your pledge or undesignated gifts are greatly appreciated to support the mission and ministries funded by First Congregational’s operating budget. You can place gifts in the offering plate, mail in a check to the church, or give online at [www.fcindy.org](http://www.fcindy.org).

### **Mental Health Support:**

**The 988 Lifeline:** 988 is now active across the United States. (call or text) **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.ORG):** information and referral services: 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) **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)**

### **THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:**

Tuesday, April 2	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, April 2	All Day	Pastor Sarah's Day of Prayer
Wednesday, April 3	7:00 PM	Trustees
Thursday, April 4	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Friday, April 5		NO Youth Group
Sunday, April 7	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, April 7	11:00 AM	Easter Sunday! Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

## Today's Scripture

### Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils so that they could anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked, they found that the huge stone had been rolled back. On entering the tomb, they saw a young person sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. They were very frightened, but the youth reassured them: “Do not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the One who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Now go and tell the disciples and Peter, ‘Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.’” They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; but they said nothing to anyone, because they were so afraid.

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