

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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@FirstCongregationalUCCIndy

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 worship service. We believe we are called 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, allencompassing 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.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386)478-9012 or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

We celebrate our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Choir Director, Julie Houston

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Bob Cook & Carol Sowle, Worship Leaders Mayflower Quartette Jesse Wittman, string bass Mike Kessler, percussion Julien Houston, flute

We celebrate our church leadership:

Alice Rutherford, Moderator Larry Eckel, Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk Jim Lootens, Treasurer Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish)

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

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE What a Wonderful World Weiss, Thiele

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are Easter people!

We have witnessed the Resurrection of Love!

We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts, O people, to God's great power and love.

We open our hearts to hear God's word for us as we seek to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

OPENING SONG Every Time I Feel the Spirit (vs.1)

*THE PEACE

Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

GENEROSITY MOMENT Wendy Baldwin

ANTHEM What a Wonderful World Weiss, Thiele

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "Transformed by the Spirit" Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

INTERLUDE I Love to Tell the Story Hankey, arr. Baker

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly.

*DOXOLOGY #778

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

WE GO

CLOSING HYMN Every Time I Feel the Spirit (vs.2)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE What a Wonderful World Weiss, Thiele

Following worship, everyone is invited for coffee hour via Zoom.



CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

May Mission of the Month: UCC Mental Health Network - The UCC Mental Health Network works to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people with mental illness/brain disorders and their families in the life, leadership and work of the congregation. Send a check to the church with MOM: UCC MHN in the memo line, or donate online at: www.mhn-ucc.org

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah: Tuesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Join us for our weekly "Soul-Care with Pastor Sarah" a time for church members to check-in, reflect on Richard Rohr's weekly meditations, and to pray together. Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84830474505?pwd=Ny9oeE84a0lpcTUrWHU2dUhFVUZZQT09

Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health, Thursdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – The Spiritual Support Group is open to all with mental illness and those living with mental illness loved one. It is open to you, neighbors, friends & acquaintances. This group will meet every Thursday via Zoom: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTk5pcHZIYIB0aEFVUT09

Upcoming Buzz - Following worship on June 14, join us on Zoom for another opportunity to gather in fellowship virtually. Our focus will again be on how we are navigating through the coronavirus crisis as a community of faith. The Comeback Team will share our deliberations, along with some of the guidance we regularly receive from the national UCC and the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. We also want to hear thoughts, questions, and concerns from everyone as well, so please plan to join in with video, audio, or just a phone. And feel free to enjoy lunch as we chat!

Bread for the World – Thank you to everyone who has written or emailed as part of our virtual Offering of Letters. So far we have sent 64 letters or emails to our senators and representatives on the 2020 Bread for the World issues. If you have written or emailed but forgot to report to Shannon, please contact her at shannon@fcindy.org telling whom you contacted and the method. This information is helpful for our report to the Central Indiana Bread organizers. If you haven't yet written, there is still time to do so. Every contact makes a difference.

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: www.fcindy.org

Continue Your Support of First Congregational UCC - Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church at http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/

FC Emergency Fund - The FC Emergency Fund seeks to support your housing, food, and medical needs if you find yourselves unemployed or underemployed. You can send a check to the church

with "emergency fund" on the memo or make a donation on the church website. To request funds for you or your family, please contact me by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012.

This Week on Zoom at First Congregational

Sunday, May 31	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, May 31	12:30 p.m.	Worship & Faith
Tuesday, June 2	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah (see announcement <u>above</u> for zoom link)
Wednesday, June 3	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, June 4	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Sunday, June 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, June 7	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, June 7	11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTk5pcHZIYIB0aEFVUT09

Meeting ID: 926 449 4206

Password: 7171

If you click on the URL, you should not need to enter in the Meeting ID and Password.

To dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID 926 449 4206, Password 7171.

Today's Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. ² Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. ³ Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.
- ⁵ Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, ⁶ and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! 8 How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? ⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome— 11 all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"
- ¹² All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! ¹⁵ These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ No. it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:
- ¹⁷ 'In the days to come— it is our God who speaks— I will pour out my spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. ²¹ And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Equilitarian Translation (p. 713). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.