



## **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 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, 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.**

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

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**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

**We celebrate our church leadership:**

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

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Wendy Baldwin, participant  
Mayflower Quartette  
Jesse Wittman, string bass  
Mike Kessler, percussion

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**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](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)



## WE GO

CLOSING HYMN

Be Now My Vision (vs. 3-4)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

arr. Jim Martinez

*Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.*



## CALLS to SERVE

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

**TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship** - (See Zoom link below.)

**TODAY! Church Check In Buzz, 12:30 p.m.** - We invite you to come and share how you are doing during this pandemic.

- What have you found helpful or not so helpful?
- How are you feeling?
- What mental health issues might you have or have questions about?

We will also have the opportunity to share in a brief mindful movement practice with Shannon Abbott as a sample of a series of additional opportunities from your WISE Mental Health Team beginning in September. (See Zoom link below.)

**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 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 health challenges and those living with a loved one with mental health challenges. It is open to you, neighbors, friends & acquaintances. This group will meet every Thursday via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmTWbWE5UXRBtk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

**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 is available to support housing, food, and medical needs for any of our church family who find themselves unemployed or underemployed due to Covid-19 impacts. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org) or cell (386) 478-9012. To make a donation, send a check to the church with "emergency fund" on the memo or make a donation on the church website.

### This Week at First Congregational

<b>Sunday, August 30</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>
<b>Sunday, August 30</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Church Check In Buzz</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 1</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Design Team</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 1</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Soul Care with Pastor Sarah</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 2</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Wellness Wednesday</b>
<b>Wednesday, Sept 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 3</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Men's Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday, Sept 3</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spiritual Support Group for Mental Health</b>
<b>Friday, Sept 4</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Design Team</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Adult Class</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 6</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday Worship (YouTube, Dial In, Facebook) – Communion Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday, Sept 6</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour (immediately after worship)</b>

**\*All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.**

### How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmTWbWE5UXRBtk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

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

### Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Your love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with the affection of sisters and brothers. Try to outdo one another in showing respect. <sup>11</sup> Don't grow slack, but be fervent in spirit: the One you serve is Christ. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient under trial; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Look on the needs of God's holy people as your own; be generous in offering hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless your persecutors—bless and don't curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Have the same attitude toward everyone. Don't be condescending to those who aren't as well off as you; don't be conceited. <sup>17</sup> Don't repay evil with evil. Be concerned with the highest ideal in the eyes of all people. <sup>18</sup> Do all you can to be at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Don't take revenge; leave room, my friends, for God's wrath. To quote scripture, "'Vengeance is mine, I will pay them back,' says our God." <sup>20</sup> But there is more: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them drink. For in doing so, you will heap burning coals upon their heads." <sup>21</sup> Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil by doing good.

*Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2526). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.*



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