



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.**

<p>Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386)478-9012 or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.</p>
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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
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, Maddy Vaughn

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:

Mayflower Quartette * Jesse Wittman, string bass * Mike Kessler, percussion

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

INTROIT

Be Still And Know

Bell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Shannon Abbott

God is an invitation. An opening. A chance to do things differently.

Always before us, God is the possibility of transformation.

Though everyday ordinary patterns of living disguise evil and cover over sins,

God searches our hearts and makes known what is hidden.

Love comes to help us. We are not left powerless to do right.

We profess and believe, the power of God lives in us!

OPENING PRAYER

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Shannon Abbott

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

GENEROSITY MOMENT

Wendy Baldwin

OPENING SONG #76

Banner of Hope

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-43

Sean Baker

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

MESSAGE

“To See Beyond” Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

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

INTERLUDE

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

arr. Baker

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (*UCC Book of Worship*)

Rev. Shannon Abbott

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 Quartette

WE GO

CLOSING HYMN #575

O for a World

New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Student Pastor Cassidy Hall

Love is a risky endeavor, but we are made capable.

Because love lives in us, we can practice solidarity with courage.

Because love is alive around us, we can imagine new worlds together.

Because love is eternal, we can trust in it even when we struggle to perceive it.

This is the power of God in us.

Let us go and live it with faith. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Metta Prayer

Severson

POSTLUDE

Banner of Hope

Gast, arr. Baker

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 on Zoom, followed by Book Buzz at 12:30 p.m. - We will continue our discussion of chapters 12-14 *of I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown. All are welcome to the discussions.

TODAY! NEW! Outdoor Vespers, 4:30-5:00pm – Each Sunday afternoon, you can join us on the church patio for a quiet time to be together, ponder scripture, and share our joys and concerns. Bring a chair and face mask as we spend some precious time with one another, and practice our love by keeping distant and wearing face coverings. Note: if the weather is threatening, the event will be cancelled, since we cannot run into the building to take cover.

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.

Please note this is a different Zoom link from others used by FC:

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

Zoom Vespers Service - Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m. - With lessening daylight and colder weather, we are exploring ways to continue the fellowship we have shared the past few months. On Tuesdays, we will meet at 7 pm for a half hour on Zoom, to be together virtually.

Wellness Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Zoom) – Next Wednesday, November 11th, join us as we nurture our mental and emotional wellness through stress reducing practices. This Zoom will be recorded and posted on the FC Facebook page and website for those unable to participate at 10:30.

Spiritual Support Group - Every Thursday, 5 - 6pm (See Zoom link below) - This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well being. Contact Pat Larracey at plainandfancy1963@att.net, or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

Mission of the Month for November: Faith In Indiana

By joining together with people from all walks of life, this organization works toward building a just and inclusive Indiana where everyone belongs and every family thrives. Its initiatives focus on families, solidarity, prophetic voices, and faith voters. For more information, look at <https://faithinindiana.org/what-we-do/>. To contribute to this effort, write a check to First Congregational, and designate Faith in IN in the Memo line, or go to <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>.

Food Drive on 11/14, 10AM – noon: Please bring canned goods, as well as hats, scarves, and mittens for the “Mitten Tree.”

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

Thank You for 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 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.

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

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.

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, Nov 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Nov 8	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Student Pastor Cassidy Hall preaching (YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, Nov 8	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 8	12:30 p.m.	Book Buzz
Sunday, Nov 8	4:30 p.m.	Outdoor Vespers at FC
Tuesday, Nov 10	5:00 p.m.	Soul Care w/ Pastor Sarah
Tuesday, Nov 10	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Wednesday, Nov 11	10:30 a.m.	Wellness Wednesday - Emotional Wellness
Wednesday, Nov 11	5:00 p.m.	Mental Health Team
Wednesday, Nov 11	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, Nov 12	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, Nov 12	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Fri-Sat, Nov 13-14		Mental Health Network Fall 2020 Virtual Seminar
Saturday, Nov 14	10:00 a.m.	Food Drive + Mitten Tree
Sunday, Nov 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Nov 15	11:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship at FC (+YouTube, FB, & Dial In)
Sunday, Nov 15	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 15	4:30 p.m.	Outdoor Vespers

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

Today's Scripture

John 11:1-43

¹ There was a certain man named Lazarus, who was sick. He and his sisters, Mary and Martha, were from the village of Bethany. ² Mary was the one who had anointed the feet of Jesus with perfume and dried his feet with her hair, and it was her brother Lazarus who was sick. ³ The sisters sent this message to Jesus: "Rabbi, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end in death; it is happening for God's glory, so that God's Only Begotten may be glorified because of it." ⁵ Jesus loved these three very much. ⁶ Yet even after hearing that Lazarus was sick, he remained where he was staying for two more days. ⁷ Finally he said to the disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." ⁸ They protested, "Rabbi, it was only recently that they tried to stone you—and you want to go back there again?" ⁹ Jesus replied, "Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk by day don't stumble, because they see the world bathed in light; ¹⁰ those who go walking by night will stumble because there is no light in them." ¹¹ After Jesus said this, he said to the disciples, "Our beloved Lazarus has fallen asleep. I am going to Judea to wake him." ¹² The disciples objected, "But Rabbi, if he's only asleep, he'll be fine." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking about Lazarus' death, but they thought he was talking about actual sleep. ¹⁴ So he said very plainly, "Lazarus is dead! ¹⁵ For your sakes I am glad that I wasn't there, that you might come to believe. In any event, let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas, "the Twin," said to the rest, "Let's go with Jesus, so that we can die with him." ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Since Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ many people had come out to console Martha and Mary about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary stayed at home with the mourners. ²¹ When she got to Jesus, Martha said, "If you had been here, my brother would never have died!" ²² Yet even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask." ²³ "Your brother will rise

again!" Jesus assured her. ²⁴ Martha replied, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life: those who believe in me will live, even if they die; ²⁶ and those who are alive and believe in me will never die. "Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes!" Martha replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, God's Only Begotten, the One who is coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, Martha went back and called her sister Mary. "The Teacher is here, asking for you," she whispered. ²⁹ As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went to him. ³⁰ Jesus hadn't gotten to the village yet. He was at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ Those who were there consoling her saw her get up quickly and followed Mary, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn. ³² When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked. "Come and see," they said. ³⁵ And Jesus wept. ³⁶ The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" ³⁷ Others said, "He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?" ³⁸ Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," Jesus directed. Martha said, "Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench." ⁴⁰ Jesus replied, "Didn't I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took the stone away. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Abba, thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe that you sent me!" ⁴³ Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2411-2413). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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