



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 Pastor Sarah. PastorSarah@fcindy.org

A Message from our Church Council: First Congregational urges vaccinations, encourages masking for those unvaccinated or those at risk, and staying home if feeling unwell. (Based on CDC guidelines and approved by Church Council, April 13, 2022)

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

External Communications Manager/Office Admin, Cassidy Hall
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Media Technician, Ben James

We celebrate our church leadership:

Senior Councilors: *Larry Eckel, Steve Coomer, Judy Fletcher
Clerk: Janet Selby
Treasurer: Jim Lootens
Financial Secretary: Sue Chapman

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Singers
Bread for the World Team: Sue Chapman, Katie Booth, Karen Walker, Sandy Wood, Nancy Dickinson, and Jessica Kramer

May 8, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

I love to Tell the Story

INTROIT

New Life

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

LITANY

Katie Booth

Congregational response: "Christ, in your mercy, receive our prayer."

OPENING SONG #495 Called as Partners in Christ's Service *New Century Hymnal*

MISSION MOMENT Karen Walker

THE PEACE

Sandy Wood

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

MEDITATION I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:36-43 Sue Chapman

RESPONSE Mayflower Singers

SERMON How Do You Want To Be Remembered? Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SERMON SONG Bread for the World Marty Haugen

WE RESPOND

INTRODUCTION TO LETTER WRITING Jessica Kramer

TIME OF LETTER WRITING

OFFERING

MEDITATION

I Love to Tell the Story
(requested by Gloria Boedeker)

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Nancy Dickinson

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER (from Enfleshed)

Gracious One, what a gift, to know you through community. Even in this world aching with violence and destruction, still, we are blessed to have each other. May we not take for granted the ordinary power of being together, of knowing and being known. Fill our hearts with tenderness towards one another and lead us more deeply into the heart of love together. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Mayflower Singers

WE GO

CLOSING SONG #123

Draw the Circle Wide

Sing! Prayer and Praise

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Bread for the World Team

RESPONSE

Because He Lives

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

In the Bulb There is a Flower

CALLS to SERVE

“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8

Abiti Paper Recycling Bin: Say goodbye to the large bin in our parking lot, since it will be disappearing sometime in the next few weeks. It has been treated as a dumpster in the past few years, with the latest incident involving a chain link fence. We encourage you to recycle, so please use other opportunities – if you need help finding another Abiti bin, contact Wendy Baldwin.

Remember the Northside Pantry: Last year, through special food drives, our church donated almost 3000 lbs of food and supplies to the Northside Pantry. They are VERY appreciative of our gifts, especially since the need is growing. Please remember to bring donations to the church when you can; our giving is actually down from a year ago. Also useful are paper or plastic bags, since they use 1000 each week - Thanks for helping to serve this valued ministry!

Hybrid: In-Person and Zoom Adult Education at 10:00 a.m. – On Sunday mornings, join us on In-Person or on Zoom for a gathering time for faith formation.

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.

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 by mailing your check to the church or through online giving at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

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

Please contact our office admin to join Zoom Gatherings: cassidy@fcindy.org

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MUSIC DESIGNER:

For years I've performed as a pianist/entertainer in many restaurants and clubs. One of the classic practices in this profession is taking requests. Well, I'd like to bring this tradition to the church. As I've lived within the lines of our music licensing for the church during the pandemic since we've now been online, it has been a blast for me to utilize my arranging skills by simply reworking hymns into orchestral pieces with my stamp and style applied. I would like to get a list of everyone's top 5 favorite hymns along with your permission to list your name in the bulletin as "requested by..." I think this would be a fun way together as a church to feel like the everyone is part of the creation of the services. Please email me your requests and permissions (*or if you prefer to be anonymous*) to sbaker@seanbaker.com.
—Sean Baker

A NOTE ON OUR CURRENT COVENANT OUTREACH GIVING

Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our WISE Covenant (May – August) Our current outreach recipients: The Julian Center, The UCC Mental Health Network, and The Trevor Project.



United Church of Christ
MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK™



THE JULIAN CENTER

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Sunday, May 8	10:00 AM	Hybrid Adult Education (In-Person and Zoom)
Sunday, May 8	11:00 AM	Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) (Dial-in after 2 PM)
Wednesday, May 11	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday, May 12	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)

Today's Scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple, a woman named Tabitha—"Dorcas," in Greek—who never tired of doing kind things or giving to charity. About this time she grew ill and died. They washed her body and laid her out in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples sent two couriers to Peter with the urgent request, "Please come over to us without delay." Peter set out with them as they asked.

Upon his arrival, they took him upstairs to the room. All the townswomen who had been widowed stood beside him weeping, and showed him the various garments Dorcas had made when she was still with them. Peter first made everyone go outside, then knelt down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up." She opened her eyes, then looked at Peter and sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to her feet. The next thing he did was to call in those who were believers—including the widows—to show them that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa and, because of it, many came to believe in Jesus Christ. Peter remained awhile in Joppa, staying with Simon, a leather tanner.

A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

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