



# 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 our leadership.

**A Message from our Church Council regarding COVID:** While we navigate the continuing pandemic, we request that you remain up to date with your vaccinations. Mask as needed. Please stay home if you feel unwell.

**–Church Council resolution of November 16th, 2022**

**Pastoral Care:** Pastor Sarah is caring for her family's medical needs February 17-24<sup>th</sup> and during this time you can reach Rev. Worth Hartman at [worthgrover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:worthgrover@sbcglobal.net) or 317-417-0806

**In-Person Office Hours:** Cassidy (church admin) and Pastor Sarah are in office Thursdays from 9am-12.



CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from enfleshed)  
We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—  
**who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos,**  
and blessed our becoming.

Nancy Dickinson

**We gather today changed by moments of Awe—**  
the wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,  
**for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet home.**

Let us praise the God of Transformation—  
**They are creative in Their Way-Making Love!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 182 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding *New  
Century Hymnal*

THE PEACE  
One: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Noah Giddings

RESPONSIVE PSALM

(Back of Bulletin)  
Scott Semester

## WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

Nancy Dickinson

SERMON

What Happens on the Mountain, Stays on the Mountain!

Rev. Elizabeth Price

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 184 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair *New  
Century Hymnal*

## WE RESPOND

OFFERING

Pastor Carol Sowle

MEDITATION

Hush!

Martin, arr. Baker

\*DOXOLOGY

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER (adapted from enfleshed)

Wonderful Mystery, ground our bodies in the present moment, that we might experience your Love in ordinary and extraordinary ways. We desire not to be cynics, but to nurture the sense of wonder that was innate to us when we were children. Awaken our senses to the miracle of being alive. 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

\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH No. 196    Let It Shine    *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE GO

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Elizabeth Price

RESPONSE                      Peace I Leave with You, My Friends                      R. Repp

POSTLUDE                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                      arr. Baker

### CALLS to SERVE

*“Here am I; send me!” Isaiah 6:8*

**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](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org), or 386-478-9012.

**Publications:** Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website 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/> **Note:** Cash donations of \$1.00 or less are counted as donations to the current Covenant Outreach. Cash of \$5.00 or more should be put in pew envelopes with a designation of Pledge/Contribution, Covenant Outreach, or the specific charity. Unless designated, cash over \$5.00 will go to the church budget.

**The 988 Lifeline:** 988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. (Please note, the previous 1-800-273-TALK (8255) number will continue to function indefinitely.) Click below to learn more about 988.

**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)

## GIVING

*We seek to love and to share our joy.*

**Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant.**

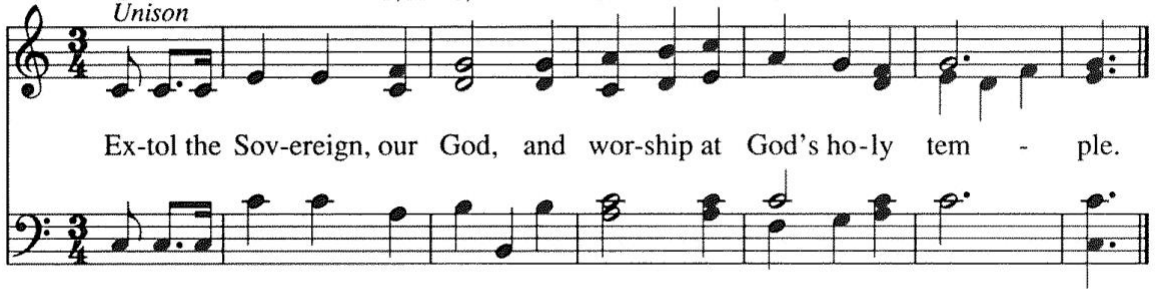
Our current outreach recipients: Exodus Refugee, Peace Learning Center, Family Promise, and Faith In Indiana.

# Psalm 99

Response  
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Unison

F/A G/B Am F C

Antiphon: Carolyn Jennings, 1994



Ex-tol the Sov-ereign, our God, and wor-ship at God's ho-ly tem - ple.

*R*

<sup>1</sup>God is ruler; let the peoples tremble!  
God sits enthroned upon the  
cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>God is great in Zion;  
God is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and  
awesome name.  
Holy is God!

<sup>4</sup>Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and  
righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Extol the Sovereign our God;  
worship at God's footstool.  
Holy is God! *R*

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were  
among God's priests,

Samuel also was among those  
who called on God's name.

They cried to God,  
and God answered them.

<sup>7</sup>God spoke to them  
in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept God's decrees, and  
the statutes that God gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O Sovereign our God,  
you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of  
their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup>Extol the Sovereign our God, and  
worship at God's holy mountain;  
for the Sovereign our God is holy.

*R*

## THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

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|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| Sunday, February 19   | 10:00 AM      | Adult Ed (In-Person Only)                      |
| Sunday, February 19   | 11:00 AM      | Sunday Hybrid Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) |
| Sunday, February 19   | After Worship | Special Coffee Hour                            |
| Tuesday, February 21  | 1:00 PM       | Staff Meeting                                  |
| Tuesday, February 21  | Cancelled     | Circle Book Club Moved to March 21             |
| Tuesday, February 21  | 4:30 PM       | WISE Team Meeting                              |
| Thursday, February 23 | 11:45 AM      | Women's Lunch Bunch                            |
| Thursday, February 23 | 1:00 PM       | Men's Lunch                                    |
| Thursday, February 23 | 9 AM -12      | In-Person Office Hours                         |
| Thursday, February 23 | 5:00 PM       | Spiritual Support Group                        |

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a high mountain to be alone with them. And before their eyes, Jesus was transfigured—his face becoming as dazzling as the sun and his clothes as radiant as light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said, “Rabbi, how good that we are here! With your permission I will erect three shelters here—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!” Peter was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Out of the cloud came a voice which said, “This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests. Listen to him!” When they heard this, the disciples fell forward on the ground, overcome with fear. Jesus came toward them and touched them, saying, “Get up! Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they did not see anyone but Jesus. As they were coming down the mountainside, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone about this until the Chosen One has risen from the dead.”

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

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