



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, and WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for mental health church, with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQAAL+ community.

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.

We welcome all who worship with us today and include **all ages** in our hybrid worship service. We invite guests and members to fill out a Welcome/Prayer card found in the pew holder, and put it in the offering plate. Children are invited to play quietly in the “pryground” at the front of the church, or use a “Quiet Bag” found in the Narthex.

***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 please speak with our minister.

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

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

Out of concern for community health, we request that you remain up to date with your vaccinations. Mask as needed. Please stay home if you feel unwell.

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Worship Leader and Preacher

Lance Mullins (he/him), Liturgist

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Jesse Wittman, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

May 28, 2023

11:00 AM

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

Asterisk () indicates those who choose to may stand in body/spirit.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Winds of Change

Manibusan, Stephan

Music for gathering

INTROIT

Fire!

Mayflower Singers

Entering Into the Sacred

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

CALL TO WORSHIP (from enfleshed)

Come Holy Spirit—

Speak in a dialect our hearts understand.

Come Holy Spirit—

Bless us with the gifts we need to co-labor towards justice.

Come Holy Spirit—

Make vivid our dreams about the ways of radical care.

Come Holy Spirit—

Pour your vitality over our lives.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Spirit of the Living God

arr. Baker

*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG OF SENDING #282 Every Time I Fell the Spirit *New Century Hymnal*

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Blessing

BLESSING SONG

Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Fell the Spirit

Music for Sending Forth

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERING: We are having a special UCC offering for the 5 for 5 UCC offerings. It is the Strengthen The Church. This offering is shared at the national and conference levels to support youth ministries, support full time leaders for churches in areas where the UCC doesn't have a strong presence, and to proceed support for new initiatives for existing churches. This fund also supports many churches on our native American reservations

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM – Several options are available on Sundays before worship. Join our Adult Ed group for thoughtful study and discussion (upstairs at church). Or go to choir practice to rehearse for that morning's singing; all skill levels welcome!

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.

"Drag Church" June 4th! This unique worship experience will highlight our commitment to our ONA covenant, as well as provide a welcoming and safe opportunity for our LGBTQIA+ siblings to hear the Good News of their place in God's family.

Pride Parade, June 10th! Please sign the roster on the table in the entry if you can walk with First Congregational. More info will come early June
Thanks. Bob Cook

Boiler Update and Fundraiser - Our boiler work is happening sooner than expected. Beginning Monday, 5/22, the work to dismantle the current boiler will occur, with the new system being installed after that. We expect it to take at least a week to complete. We are now in the official fundraising mode for this project. Thank you to those who have already contributed, and for the additional gifts received - another \$600 in the past week. We are close to being able to cover the cost of the boiler, and are hopeful about raising funds for our other building needs.

Thank You for Your Financial Gifts! Our current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our WISE Covenant, and the recipients are **UCC Mental Health Network, The Julian Center, and the Trevor Project**. Gifts of single dollars, or those designed to Covenant Outreach, are divided evenly to these groups, unless otherwise specified. Also, your pledge or undesignated gifts are greatly appreciated to support the mission and ministries funded by

First Congregational's operating budget. You can place gifts in the offering plate, mail a check to the church, or give online at www.fcindy.org

Mental Health Support:

The 988 Lifeline: 988 is now active across the United States. (call or text) **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.ORG):** information and referral services: 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) **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

THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Tuesday, May 30	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, June 1	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, June 1	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, June 4	11:00 AM	Drag Church! Join us for this special ONA service!
Sunday, June 4	12:15 PM	Playground Playdate

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH FC INDY!

JUNE 04 **DRAG CHURCH! 11 AM**

This special worship service will celebrate the beauty of drag and the joy of knowing we are all made in God's image! Lunch and discussion following worship!

JUNE 10 **INDY PRIDE! 9:30 AM**

Want to walk in Indy Pride with our church? Contact Bob Cook at bobcook359@yahoo.com

  
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Today's Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!" All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine." 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! These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: '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.
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.
And I will display wonders
in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below:
blood, fire and billowing smoke.
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.
And all who call upon the name
of our God will be saved.'

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing 161

Capo 3

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "I'm gon-na sing* when the Spir - it says sing, I'm gon - na sing when the Spir - it says sing, I'm gon-na sing when the Spir-it says sing, and o - bey the Spir-it of the Lord." The guitar accompaniment includes various chords and melodic lines, with some notes circled in the original image. The first system starts with a Capo 3 instruction. The second system has a double bar line at the end. The third system ends with a double bar line.

F(D) Bb(G) F(D)

I'm gon-na sing* when the Spir - it says sing, I'm gon - na

Bb(G) F(D) Bb(G)

sing when the Spir - it says sing, I'm gon-na sing when the

G(E) Cm(Am) Bb/F(G/D) F(D) Bb(G)

Spir-it says sing, and o - bey the Spir-it of the Lord.

*pray, shout, dance