



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

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Performers: Rich Anderson, Tecadeh Hollcroft, Jeremy Tuterow,

Alice Rutherford, Scott Semester, Job Willman, Sean Baker

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

June 4, 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

True Colors

Steinberg, Kelly

Music for gathering

*SONG #31

All Things Bright and Beautiful (vs.1)

*New Century
Hymnal*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE ENCOUNTER

ACT I

*SONG #402

De colores (vs.1)

New Century Hymnal

ACT II

*SONG #23

You Are Welcome Here (vs.2)

Sing! Prayer and Praise

ACT III

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ACT IV

MESSAGE AT THE TABLE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

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.

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG #547

Amazing grace (vs.1)

New Century Hymnal

*OFFERING AND BENEDECTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Firework

Katy Perry

Music for Sending Forth

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

TODAY! Join us after our special “Drag Church” Worship Service for a pitch-in and buzz discussion

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.

Pride Parade, June 10th! Please sign the roster on the table in the entry if you can walk with First Congregational. Starting at 9:30 AM. More info to come! Bob Cook

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, June 6	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, June 6	All Day	Pastor Sarah’s Day of Prayer
Wednesday, June 7	7:00 PM	Trustees
Thursday, June 8	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Friday, June 9	6:30 PM	NAMI Support Group
Saturday, June 10	9:30 AM	Pride Parade!
Sunday, June 11	10:00 AM	Adult Education

Sunday, June 11	11:00 AM	Sunday Worship
Sunday, June 11	After Worship	Meet and Greet with the Zehrs

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

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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 Studies

2 Corinthians 5:17

"A New Creation"

Genesis 19

"Inhospitability"

Ezekiel 16:49-50

"The Sin of Sodom"

Jude 7

"Strange Flesh"

Leviticus 18:22

"Abomination & Holiness Code"

Romans 1:21-28

"Unnatural"

1 Corinthians 6:9 & 1 Timothy 1:10

"Malakoi & Arsenokoitai"

2 Samuel 1:26

"Jonathon & David"

Acts 8:26-40

"Ethiopian Eunuch"

Matthew 8:5-13 & Luke 7:1-10

"Honored Servant"

Matthew 19:4-11

"Born That Way"

Genesis 9:16

"The Rainbow"

I Corinthians 15:40, II Corinthians 5:1

"Spiritual Bodies"

OPEN & AFFIRMING

In 1994 First Congregational UCC, Indianapolis, identified itself as an Open and Affirming congregation.

This began our commitment to end ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice and discrimination against all people. We are called to follow the life and teachings of Jesus who denied no one and welcomed all. We do this by creating a safe place which is free from exploitation and abuse, and that is inclusive for all people to worship God.

We acknowledge that despite our best intentions, we are likely to make mistakes but we commit in advance to listen, confess, reconcile, restore and recommit in love on this journey.

Therefore, we enter into this mutual covenant with each other and God to offer an extravagant welcome on behalf of our body of believers to all who would follow Jesus regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, age, education, economic class, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or psychological differences as equals in the life and ministry of our faith community

REVISITING THE RAINBOW

The rainbow has been used many times throughout history. This video shows a handful of some of its uses. Learning about the origin of the rainbow will better relate you to our Open and Affirming stance at First Congregational Church.

(Scroll to bottom of the page to see the video)

