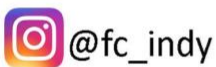




# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*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](mailto: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

William Kelso, Liturgist

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

**June 11, 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

Blessed Quietness

arr. Baker

*Music for gathering*

INTROIT

There Is Room for All

Mayflower Singers

*Entering Into the Sacred*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Wendy Baldwin and Linda Lupton

MISSION MOMENT

Bailey Schwartz, Faith in Indiana

CALL TO WORSHIP (from enfleshed)

Tender God—though your heart breaks,

**you do not lose hope.**

Angry God—the degradation of people, creatures, and places makes you rage,

**but you do not say all is lost.**

You invite us to your work of way-making— We are called to:

**Practice generosity,**

**Cultivate abundance,**

**Engage in healing.**

Let us worship God through our stubborn resilience and joy.

\*SONG OF PRAISE #327

Jesus Loves Me

*New Century Hymnal*

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

One: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

## WE ENCOUNTER


SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13

William Kelso

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



This is what the Spi-rit is sa-ying to the church-es: Thanks be to God!

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "This is what the Spi-rit is sa-ying to the church-es: Thanks be to God!".

MESSAGE

PRIDE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION #137

Come Sweet Justice

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

MEDITATION

In Solitude

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 #195

Children of God

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*Blessing*

BLESSING SONG

Come Sweet Justice

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Mazurka In F Major, Op. 68, No 3

F. Chopin

*Music for Sending Forth*

## Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

**TODAY!** Join us after worship for a meet and greet with our Sabbatical Pastors, the Zehrs!

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

**Thank You for Your Financial Gifts!** Our current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant, and the recipients are Exodus Refugee, Peace Learning Center, Family Promise, and Faith in Indiana. 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](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

### THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:

Tuesday, June 13	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, June 14	11:00 AM	WISE Mental Health Team Meeting
Thursday, June 15	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Thursday, June 15	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, June 18	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, June 18	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)



**HAPPY PRIDE from First Congregational United Church of Christ!  
We believe we are all made in God's beautiful and loving image and we are  
proud to be an Open and Affirming church since 1994!**

## Today's Scripture

### Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus walked on, he saw Matthew, a tax collector, at his post. Jesus approached and said, "Follow me," and Matthew got up and followed. Now it happened that, while Jesus was at table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and notorious "sinners" came to join Jesus and the disciples at dinner. The Pharisees saw this and complained to the disciples, saying, "What reason can the Teacher have for eating with tax collectors and sinners?" Overhearing the remark, Jesus said, "People who are in good health don't need a doctor; sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire compassion, not sacrifices.' I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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