



# 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

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Corrine Summers, Liturgist

**June 18, 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Music for gathering*

INTROIT

There Is Room for All

Mayflower Singers

*Entering Into the Sacred*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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.

**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, filling us with Love!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE#18 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer *New Century Hymnal*

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

One: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:35-38

Corrine Summers

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 musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (half), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half), C3 (half). The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

MESSAGE

Compassion

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION

#474 Jesus Lifted Me

*New Century Hymnal*

## 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

Amazing Grace

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 #547

Amazing Grace

*New Century Hymnal*

\*BENEDICTION

*Blessing*

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG

Be Still and Know

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

*Music for Sending Forth*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

arr. Baker

## 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 20	10:00 AM	Library Team Meeting
Tuesday, June 20	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
June 21 – 26	June 21 – 26	Pastor Sarah Vacation for family wedding
Wednesday, June 21	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, June 22	11:45 AM	Women’s Lunch
Thursday, June 22	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Friday, June 23	6:30 PM	Fourth Friday Films meet at Landmark Keystone
Sunday, June 25	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, June 25	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

## Today's Scripture

### Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus continued touring all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of God's reign and curing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to the disciples, "The harvest is bountiful but the laborers are few. Beg the overseer of the harvest to send laborers out to bring in the crops."

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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# SABBATICAL TIMELINE

## JULY 2 - OCTOBER 8, 2023



SABBATICAL BLESSING SUNDAY

JULY 2ND

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

OCTOBER 8

JOY TO THE WORLD!

