



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: While Pastor Sarah is away on vacation June 21-26, the Rev. Elizabeth Price will be available for Pastoral Care. She may be reached at eprice235@gmail.com or (317) 727-0940

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. Rae Karim, Preacher

Rev. Elizabeth Price, Worship Leader

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Katie Booth, Liturgist

Jacob Smith, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

June 25, 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music for gathering

INTROIT

There Is Room for All

Mayflower Singers

Entering Into the Sacred

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Elizabeth Price

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from enfleshed)

Rev. Elizabeth Price

The Spirit is a force of love, wild and creative:

She tears down the walls of our hearts, and builds up courage from within.

The Spirit is a practice of freedom:

She is daring and audacious.

She nurtures gentle strength.

That our hope may thrive and justice be our aim,

come, Spirit of Christ, and rise among us.

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

LANCASHIRE

*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 #201

Deep Peace

Sing! Prayer and Praise

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Rae Karim

Blessing

BLESSING SONG

Be Still and Know

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

Music for Sending Forth

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

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!

Pitch-in Lunch after Worship on July 2: Please plan to bring a dish and stay after worship on July 2 for lunch! We will be hosting several guests from General Synod, as well as a youth musical group from Ohio. PLUS, it is Pastor Sarah’s last Sunday before her sabbatical. Let’s celebrate Indy’s General Synod, extend our warm hospitality, and give Pastor Sarah a great sendoff!

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.



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

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:

June 21 – 26	June 21 – 26	Pastor Sarah Vacation for family wedding
Tuesday, June 27	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, June 29	1:00 PM	Men’s Lunch
Thursday, June 29	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, July 2	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, July 2	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) Sabbatical Send off and Preacher Rev. Molly Baskette!
Sunday, July 2	After Worship	Pitch-In Lunch

SABBATICAL TIMELINE

JULY 2 - OCTOBER 8, 2023



**SABBATICAL BLESSING SUNDAY
JULY 2ND**

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8**

JOY TO THE WORLD!



Today's Scripture

Philippians 4:6-9

Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise. Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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