



# 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:** Sabbatical Pastors, Rev. Diane and Rev. Jerry Zehr will be available for Pastoral care July–October. You can reach them in the following ways

**Diane:** [dianezehr@gmail.com](mailto:dianezehr@gmail.com) • 317-414-1047

**Jerry:** [Jerryzehr1@gmail.com](mailto:Jerryzehr1@gmail.com) • 317-551-8455

**In-Person Office Hours:** Cassidy (church admin) is 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. Molly Baskette (she/her), Preacher

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

Bekah Maren Anderson (she/her), UCCDM, Worship Leader

Bishop Abrams (she/her), UCCMHN, Worship Leader

Rachael Ward (they/them), UCC National, Worship Leader

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

First Christian Church Praise Team

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Judy Fletcher, Liturgist

**This morning we welcome our special guests from our partners in the wider  
United Church of Christ who are attending the national gathering of General Synod!**

**July 2, 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**

**GATHERING MUSIC VIDEO**

**UCC Join the Movement**

**PRELUDE**

**Holy Spirit** First Christian Church Praise Team

*Music for gathering*

**INTROIT**

**I Am the Light of the World**

**Mayflower Singers**

*Entering Into the Sacred*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund**

\*SONG OF PRAISE #49

Clap Your Hands

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

SPOKEN WORD POETRY

Bekah Maren Anderson  
Cochair, UCC Disability Ministries

NAME BLESSING CEREMONY AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Mechelle Erica Monroe

### WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:40-42

Judy Fletcher

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

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

MESSAGE

A Cup of Cold Water

Rev. Molly Baskette  
First Church Berkeley UCC

\*SONG OF REFLECTION #294

There's a Spirit in the Air (vs.1-5)

*New Century Hymnal*

### WE RESPOND

INVITATION

Take Up Your Cross

Mayflower Singers

COMMUNION

Rachael Ward  
UCC Minister of Gender & Sexuality Justice Ministries

PASTORAL PRAYER

Bishop Allyson Abrams  
Chair of the UCC Mental Health Network

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

Amen

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Immerse Me First Christian Church Praise Team

\*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

### Sabbatical Litany and Presentation

Leader: We wish Godspeed to Pastor Sarah as she begins her sabbatical.

**Congregation: As you journey on your sabbatical, Pastor Sarah, we ask God to guard you and your family from harm in body, mind, and spirit.**

Pastor Sarah: God's peace be with you as I leave to explore joy in new places.

**Congregation: God dwell with you while we are away from one another.**

Pastor Sarah: God's blessing on you while I am gone from you.

**Congregation: God fill you with a light spirit and joy as you spend time with old friends and make new ones; as you play, adventure, rest, and discover joy.**

Pastor Sarah: I thank God for our ministry together and the gift of this time for sabbatical that you've given me.

**Congregation: May you experience the gift of spiritual growth, healing rest, and joyful renewal for your sabbatical.**

Pastor Sarah: I pray God gifts you all as a church with the taste of spiritual transformation and joy during this sabbatical time.

**Congregation: God grant you an open heart to receive the gifts of God's love. We send you on your sabbatical with our blessing.**

Pastor Sarah: I leave you with this candle. Light it when you gather for worship each Sunday. Pray for me while I am gone.

**Congregation: We will pray that you return from your sabbatical renewed, filled with deep joy, and energized for ministry.**

Pastor Sarah: I go seeking those gifts. I will pray for you all during this time of renewal.

Leader: Let us pray. Spirit of God, let the dancing that's meant to be in Pastor Sarah start its movement anew. Renew Pastor Sarah for ministry through this time set aside for reflection, rest, play, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new experiences. Grace her with your presence and keep her in the faith while we are gone from one another.

**All: Amen!**

\*SONG OF SENDING #294    There's a Spirit in the Air (vs.6,7)    *New Century Hymnal*

\*BENEDICTION  
*Blessing*

Rev. Molly Baskette  
First Church Berkeley UCC

BLESSING SONG

Carry the Light

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Oceans

First Christian Church Praise Team

*Music for Sending Forth*

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

**TODAY, Pitch-in Lunch after worship:** Join us 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!

**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, July 4	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 5	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
Thursday, July 6	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Sunday, July 9	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, July 9	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

### Today's Scripture

Matthew 10:40-42

“Those who welcome you also welcome me, and those who welcome me welcome the One who sent me.

“Those who welcome prophets just because they are prophets will receive the reward reserved for the prophets themselves; those who welcome holy people just because they are holy will receive the reward of the holy ones.

“The truth is, whoever gives a cup of cold water to one of these lowly ones just for being a disciple will not lack a reward.”

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

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