



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

Diane: dianezehr@gmail.com • 317-414-1047

Jerry: Jerryzehr1@gmail.com • 317-551-8455

In-Person Office Hours: Cassidy (admin) is in office 9-12 on Thursday, meeting with the Zehrs by appointment.

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. Diane Zehr (she/her), Preacher

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Angel Flora, Liturgist

In worship this Sunday you are invited to write your prayer concerns on the colored index cards in the pew pockets and hand them to either Pastor Diane or Pastor Jerry. They will include your prayer concerns in the pastoral prayer each week and pass them on to our prayer team for ongoing prayers through the week. You can also fill out a prayer card at any time and leave it in the designated basket in the narthex.

August 13, 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

O Loving Founder of the Stars

arr. Baker

INTROIT

Repeat the Sounding Joy

Mayflower Singers

Entering Into the Sacred

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE #84

This Is the Day

New Century Hymnal

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 30: 8-12

Angel Flora

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



MESSAGE

Repeat the Sounding Joy in Times of Sorrow

Rev. Diane Zehr

*SONG OF REFLECTION #46

Hope of the World

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

INTERLUDE

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

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 #82 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *New Century Hymnal*

*BENEDICTION

Blessing

BLESSING SONG

God's Grace

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Be Still, My Soul

arr. Baker

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!

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:

Tuesday, August 15	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, August 15	3:30 PM	Worship and Faith (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 16	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday, August 17	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Friday, August 18	6-8:30 PM	An Evening at FC Indy
Sunday, August 20	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, August 20	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

An Evening AT FC INDY

6:00 PM - DINNER (PIZZA AND SALAD)

6:45 PM - GUEST SPEAKER REBECCA SUNDQUIST
ON WALKING THE LABYRINTH

7:30 PM - VIEWING OF THE 30-MINUTE FILM
"DAY OF A STRANGER," WITH DISCUSSION

**COME TO ONE, TWO, OR ALL THREE EVENTS:
YOU ARE WELCOME AT ANY AND ALL!**



Today's Scripture

Luke 19:1-10

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight. When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold." Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

Psalm 30: 8-12

So I called to you, YHWH,
I pleaded for your help:
"What goodwill come from my destruction,
from my going to the grave?
Does dust praise you, YHWH?
Can the dead proclaim your unfailing goodness?
Hear me, YHWH, and be merciful!
Help me, YHWH!"
Then you changed my despair into a dance—
you stripped me of my death shroud
and clothed me with joy.
That's why my heart sings to you,
that's why I can't keep silent—
YHWH, you are my God,
and I will thank you forever!

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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