



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 ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

John 4:1-15

Rev. Lance Mullins

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



MESSAGE

The Wonders of God's Love Fills Us

Rev. Jerry Zehr

*SONG OF REFLECTION #481 As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams *New Century Hymnal*

WE RESPOND

MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

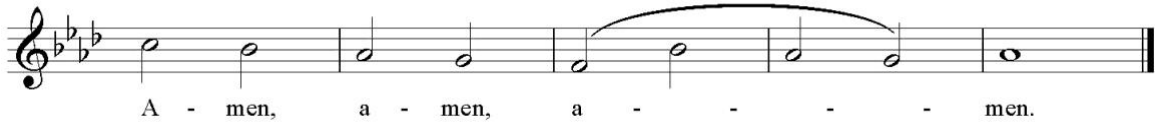
PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)

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

Amen

Mayflower Singers



OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Come, Gracious Spirit

J. D. Kimball

*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all the love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG OF SENDING #16

Come to the Water

Sing! Prayer and Praise

*BENEDICTION

Blessing

BLESSING SONG

Praise God's Name

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Petite Toccata

J. D. Kimball

Music for Sending Forth

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

Cards to Our Church Family – Please sign the cards on our “card stand”, for those celebrating birthdays, or in need of prayers.

Food Donations to Northside Pantry – Help those with hunger insecurity by bringing donations of canned or boxed food, and place in the baskets in the Narthex.

The WISE Mental Health Team is seeking input from the congregation's youth and their families (middle school age through high school) about starting a youth group in which there would be opportunities to connect with other youth. Please contact Larry Eckel, 317-445-9351 lspeckel@comcast.net or Sandy Wood 317-225-6206 csjwood@att.net if interested. Thanks!

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, September 12	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, September 14	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group (Zoom)
Friday, September 8	6:30-8:30 PM	NAMI Support Group
Sunday, September 17	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, September 17	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**ALL-CHURCH PICNIC,
GAMES, AND MAGIC!**

Picnic Lunch Games Magic Show!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
7171 N PENNSYLVANIA ST
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

TODAY, our Sabbatical activities continue with an all-church picnic and games! This is a rain or shine event. If we need to be inside, some activities may be modified or eliminated. The highlight will be right after lunch, when we will be entertained by a special guest magician.

Today's Scripture

John 4:1-15

Jesus returned from the Jordan filled with the Holy Spirit, and he led him into the desert for forty days, where he was tempted by the Devil. Jesus ate nothing during that time, at the end of which he was famished. The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Own, command this stone to turn into bread." Jesus answered, "Scripture has it, 'We don't live on bread alone.' " Then the Devil took Jesus up higher and showed him all the nations of the world in a single instant. The Devil said, "I'll give you all the power and the glory of these nations; the power has been given to me and I can give it to whomever I wish. Prostrate yourself in homage before me, and it will all be yours."

In reply, Jesus said, "Scripture has it: 'You will worship the Most High God; God alone will you adore.' " Then the Devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, set him up on the parapet of the Temple and said, "If you are God's Own, throw yourself down from here, for scripture has it, 'God will tell the angels to take care of you; with their hands they'll support you, that you may never stumble on a stone.' " Jesus said to the Devil in reply, "It also says, 'Do not put God to the test.' " When the Devil had finished all this tempting, Jesus was left alone. The Devil awaited another opportunity.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and his reputation spread throughout the region. He was teaching in the Galilean synagogues, and all were loud in their praise.

ONE: A Word of God that is still speaking.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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