



# 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:** You may reach out to Pastor Sarah for Pastoral Care. She may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

**In-Person Office Hours:** Cassidy (admin) is in office 9-12 on Thursday, meeting with Pastor Sarah 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. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Preacher

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Thomas Brinkley, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Katie Booth, Liturgist

**October 22, 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

A Powdered Wig

Mancini, arr. Baker

INTROIT

Repeat the Sounding Joy

Mayflower Singers

*Entering Into the Sacred*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE #73 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In (vs. 1-3,5) *New Century Hymnal*

COME AS A CHILD

Alice Rutherford and Baxter

\*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

ANTHEM

All God's Children

Mancini, arr. Baker

## WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

John 14:25-27

Katie Booth

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



This is what the Spir-it is say-ing to the church-es: Thanks be to God!

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

MESSAGE Joy to the World: Repeat the Sounding Joy Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION #264 Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us *New Century Hymnal*

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

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

Hallowed Hour of Prayer

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Closer to You

Mancini, 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 #217    Peace I Leave with You    *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

\*BENEDICTION

*Blessing*

BLESSING SONG    Peace I Leave with You, My Friends    Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Baby Elephant Walk

Mancini, arr. Baker

*Music for Sending Forth*

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

**Constitution & Bylaws Revision** - For the past several months, a small team has been working on a full revision of First Congregational's Constitution and Bylaws. We are now ready to review with the congregation, get your feedback, and address any questions or concerns. A draft document will be available following review with the Church Council on 10/18. Please plan to attend one or all of the following events where we will review the proposed document:

**Sunday, 10/29, noon - Pitchin lunch**

**Wednesday, 11/1, 7 pm - Discussion on Zoom**

Questions? Ask Wendy Baldwin, Steve Coomer, or Steve Leatherman.

**Faith in Indiana Discussion:** Today, October 22, the O&S Board invites everyone to a discussion and listening session at 12:15 PM in the Church Library to identify community issues that are important to you to be brought to the attention of Faith in Indiana for consideration as a priority action issue in 2024. Your participation is the first step in developing Faith in Indiana's priority issues for the coming year. Thank you.

**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.

**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**

### **THIS WEEK AT FC INDY:**





Tuesday, October 24	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, October 26	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch
Thursday, October 26	5:00 PM	Spiritual Support Group
Friday, October 27	6:30 PM	Fourth Friday Films
Sunday, October 29	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, October 29	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Sunday, October 29	After Worship	Buzz and Pitch-in, Constitution and Bylaws Discussion

# Today's Scriptures

## John 14:25-27

This much have I said to you while still with you;  
but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit  
whom Abba God will send in my name,  
will instruct you in everything  
and she will remind you of all that I told you.  
Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you;  
but the kind of peace I give you  
is not like the world's peace.  
Don't let your hearts be distressed;  
don't be fearful.

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