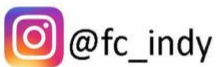




# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*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 (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.

**Masks can be found in the narthex.**



MESSAGE                      There's **More** to Life Than This                      Rev. Elizabeth Price

\*SONG OF REFLECTION      Will You Come and Follow Me      (See back of bulletin)

MEDITATION

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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                      Lift Every Voice and Sing                      Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume

\*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#202

Send Me

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

\*BENEDICTION

*Blessing*

BLESSING SONG

Make Me a Servant

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Send Me

Bryan Sirchio

*Music for Sending Forth*

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

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> following worship:** Join us for our Annual Meeting and pitch-in!

**New Member Sunday is January 28<sup>th</sup>!** Are you interested in being a member at FC Indy or want to know more about what it means? Email Pastor Sarah at [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org)

**Youth Group will Resume in the New Year:** Join the FC Indy Youth Group, meeting Fridays from 6:30-8:30PM. We will have pizza and games and be a safe space for middle school and high school students.

**Clearing Out "Stuff"** Our church building contains lots of "stuff" that has collected over the years. We want to clear out that which is no longer needed, and can use your help. We will have work sessions on Saturday, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, and 2/17, from 9:30-noon. If you would like to help, but Saturdays are not good for you, please contact Wendy Baldwin about your interest. Also, we are hoping to sell some of our unwanted treasures - please let Wendy know if you have experience with online selling, or other ways to find homes for some of our discoveries.

**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 is on Pause:** Please contact Pastor Sarah for support and prayer.



**Thank You for Your Financial Gifts!** Our current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant which includes supporting the following organizations: Peace Learning Center, Exodus Refugee Immigration and Family Promise.



**EXODUS  
REFUGEE**  
*The life ahead.*



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, January 23	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, January 25	11:45 AM	Women’s Lunch
Thursday, January 25	1:00 PM	Men’s Lunch
Friday, January 26	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday, January 27	9:30 AM	Caring Crafters
Sunday, January 28	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, January 28	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Sunday, January 28	11:00 AM	New Member Sunday!
Sunday, January 28	After Worship	Annual Meeting and Pitch-In

## Today's Scripture

### Mark 1:14-20

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!"

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, "Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind." They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, putting their nets in order. Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus.

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# Will You Come and Follow Me



1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-on-ers free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?