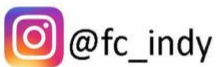




# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*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.**

**We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

Rev. Sarah Lund (she/her), Preacher

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Jacob Smith, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Marion Harcourt, Liturgist

**January 28, 2024**

**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                      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name                      arr. Baker

INTROIT                      There Is Room for All                      Mayflower Singers  
*Entering Into the Sacred*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*SONG OF PRAISE #35                      No Matter                      *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

New Member Reception

**WE ENCOUNTER**


SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:21-28

Marion Harcourt

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



The\_ Scrip - ture is a ban - ner be - fore God's\_ host un - furled.

MESSAGE

Jesus's Inclusive Love

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION#26 You Are Welcome Here

*Sing!*  
*Prayer and Praise*

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

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

Linger

S. Baker

\*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

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

## **WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM**

\*SONG OF SENDING #195      Children of God      *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

\*BENEDICTION

*Blessing*

BLESSING SONG      Glory Be to the Creator      Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE      Children of God      Martin, arr. Baker  
*Music for Sending Forth*

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

**TODAY: Following worship please join us for our Annual Meeting and Pitch-In!**

**Youth Group:** 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.

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us on Feb. 14 for an Ash Wednesday soup dinner at 6pm followed by worship service at 7pm with guests from St. Peter's UCC in Carmel.

**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, 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 that includes support for the following organizations: Exodus Refugee Immigration, the Peace Learning Center, and Family Promise.



Gifts of single dollars, or those designated to Covenant Outreach, are divided equally 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 in 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:**

Monday, January 29	10:00 AM	Library Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 30	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 31	10:00 AM	WISE Team Meeting
Friday, February 2	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday, February 3	9-12	MHCNS Indoor work day
Sunday, February 4	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, February 4	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)
Sunday, February 5	12:15 PM	Family Room Playdate

## Today's Scripture

### Mark 1:21-28

They came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and began to teach. The people were spellbound by the teaching, because Jesus taught with an authority that was unlike their religious scholars.

Suddenly a person with an unclean spirit appeared in their synagogue. It shrieked, “What do you want from us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

Jesus rebuked the spirit sharply: “Be quiet! Come out of that person!” At that the unclean spirit convulsed the possessed one violently, and with a loud shriek it came out.

All who looked on were amazed. They began to ask one another, “What is this? A new teaching, and with such authority! This person even gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey!”

Immediately news of Jesus spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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