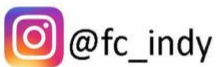




FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*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.

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. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Preacher

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Linda Lupton, Presenter

Jackson Procise (he/him), Peace Moment

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Scott Semester (he/him), Liturgist

February 18, 2023

Whole Minds/Half Health

11:00 AM

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Welcome to this House

Cowen, arr. Baker

ANTHEM

A Language of Love

by Sean Baker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DIALOGUE

Alice Rutherford & Scott Semester

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to you today, O God, feeling overwhelmed by all the things we “half” to do.

All: We come to this place to remember you love us just as we are.

Leader: We wish to remember your covenant promise today, O God. Show us that we are whole and held in your holy love no matter what.

All: We come to this place to remember your rainbow promise to us, a promise that united us in the spirit of Love.

Leader: Let us come into this time of worship of the Holy One and become wholly God’s.

*SONG OF CENTERING #207 Just as I Am *New Century Hymnal*

INTROIT TO PRAYER Mayflower Singers

FAITHFUL REFLECTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Sometimes we forget that everyone is included in God's rainbow covenant. Especially when our mental health is struggling, we can forget how much God loves us and cares for us. Help us, Divine Comforter, to remember your promise of love for the whole world. Help us to share your love with others today. Amen.

RESPONSE Mayflower Singers

LANGUAGES OF LOVE (*How to say "I love you"*) Linda Lupton

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE Genesis 9:8-17 Scott Semester

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Singers



This is what the Spi-rit is sa-ying to the church-es: Thanks be to God!

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of the following notes: quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter note F#4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4, quarter note C4, quarter note B3, quarter note A3, quarter note G3, quarter note F#3, quarter note E3, quarter note D3, quarter note C3. The piece ends with a double bar line.

MESSAGE Always Whole with God Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*SONG OF REFLECTION #433 In the Bulb There Is a Flower *New Century Hymnal*

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

Lenten Meditation

Blake, arr. Baker

*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

We come here now and bring these gifts.

To you, O God, our praise we lift.

Let these our gifts go back to you,

To share with all this whole world through.

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG OF SENDING #586 Come to Tend God's Garden *New Century Hymnal*

*BENEDICTION

Blessing

Beloved of God, remember that you are holy and whole. Be a blessing to all whom you meet because you never know who is struggling with their mental health. Go in peace, knowing that together we can build a more just world for all. Amen.

BLESSING SONG Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE In the Bulb There Is a Flower arr. Baker

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

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.

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!



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.

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, February 20	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday, February 22	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Friday, February 23	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday, February 24	9:30 AM	Caring Crafters
Sunday, February 25	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, February 25	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

Today's Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

God then said to Noah and his family, “I hereby establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you—birds, cattle, and the earth’s wildlife—everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I hereby establish my covenant with you: All flesh will never again be swept away by the waters of the flood; never again will a flood destroy all the earth.” God said, “Here is the sign of the covenant between me and you and every living creature for ageless generations: I set my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, my bow will appear in the clouds. Then I will remember the covenant that is between me and you and every kind of living creature, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh. Whenever my bow appears in the clouds I will see it, and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature on the earth.”*God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all living things on the earth.”

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