



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) in office 10:30 am-1:30 pm and Pastor Sarah is available 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.

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

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Rev. Elizabeth Price, Liturgist

May 12, 2024

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Change My Heart, O God

Espinosa

INTROIT

New Life

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE #42

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*New Century
Hymnal*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

New Member Reception

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



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

MESSAGE

Joyful Humility

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*SONG OF REFLECTION#207

Just as I Am

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

Hush

Martin

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

Mayflower Singers

OFFERING

INTERLUDE

O Holy One

Sandberg

*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

The Resurrection now has come.

Christ's justice work must still be done.

These gifts we bring are for that goal,

To share and care for every soul.

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG OF SENDING #522 I Love to Tell the Story *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG New Life Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE Our Christ Ascends Kendall

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

The Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board by the garden doors. Please sign up for any occasion. The flowers can come from your garden, store or florist. For more information see **Sally Coombs**.

Youth Group: Join the FC Indy Youth Group, meeting Fridays from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will have pizza and games and be a safe space for middle school and high school students. Our last gathering before summer break will be May 24.

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 Open and Affirming Covenant that includes support for the following organizations: the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition, the Damien Center, and Indiana Youth Group.



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, May 14	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, May 14	3:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 15	Cancelled	Book Club is Cancelled this Month
Wednesday, May 15	7:00 PM	Church Council
Thursday, May 16	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Friday, May 17	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday, May 18	9:30 AM	Caring Crafters
Saturday, May 18	1:00 PM	Ecclesiastical Council Lianna Campos (Church Zoom)
Sunday, May 19	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, May 19	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

Today's Scripture

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

One day Peter stood up in the midst of the believers, a gathering of perhaps a hundred and twenty. “Sisters and brothers,” he said, “the saying in scripture, uttered long ago by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David, was destined to be fulfilled in Judas, the one who guided those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and had been given a share in this ministry.

those who accompanied us all the time that Jesus moved among us, from the baptism of John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, should be named as witness with us to the Resurrection.” At that, they nominated two—Joseph, called Barsabbas or Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “O God, you can read the hearts of people. Show us which of these two you have chosen to occupy this apostolic ministry, replacing Judas, who turned away and went his own way.” They then drew lots between the two. The choice fell to Matthias, who was added to the eleven apostles.

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