



# 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) 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

Jacob Smith, String Bass

Mike Kessler, Percussion

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Rev. Ayanna Garrett, Liturgical Dancer

Scott Semester, Liturgist

**May 19, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

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

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God

arr. Baker

INTROIT

Fire!

Mayflower Singers

SCRIPTURE IN TONGUES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing *(see insert)*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**WE ENCOUNTER**

ANTHEM

Fire/Holy Spirit, Come Now

Simpson, Manibusan

arr. Baker

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Scott Semester

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

MESSAGE

Joyful Spirit

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF INVOCATION #4

Spirit, Fill Me

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

Winds of Change

Manibusan, Stephan

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

PENTECOST SPIRIT

Move In This Place

Alvin Slaughter

*Dance by the Rev. Ayanna Garrett*

\*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 #282    Every Time I Feel the Spirit    New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION    Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG    Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free    Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE    All God's Chillun Got Rhythm    Kahn, Kaper

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

**TODAY: Green Team Meeting** after church in the library with the director of the Friends of the Marott Nature Preserve.

**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.



DAMIEN CENTER



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:

Tuesday, May 21	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, May 23	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch Bunch
Friday, May 24	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Saturday, May 25		Ceil Larson Celebration of Life
Sunday, May 26	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, May 26	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

**2024  
IKC ONA  
Weekend:  
Celebration,  
Education,  
Community  
Building  
& Advocacy**

- JUNE 07** Youth Group Event  
First Congregational Church,  
Indianapolis, 6-8 PM
- JUNE 08** PRIDE Parade  
Indy Pride at 10 AM
- JUNE 09** Sunday Worship  
First Congregational Church,  
Indianapolis, 11 AM
- JUNE 09** Clergy Mixer w/ ONA Coalition  
Executive Director  
First Congregational Church,  
Indianapolis, 4-6 PM  
Includes Dinner
- JUNE 10** IKC Education Event  
Indiana Interchurch Center  
10:30 AM - 1 PM  
Includes Lunch

Indiana-Kentucky UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Conference to love & serve like Jesus

## Today's Scripture

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley—a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “Only you know that, Sovereign YHWH.” And God said, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: ‘Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH! Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breathe life into you. I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH.’ ” So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. wind;\* prophesy, mere mortal, and say to it: ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: Approach from the four winds, Breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’ ” I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet—a vast multitude. Then God said to me, “Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.’ Prophesy, therefore, and say to them, ‘Thus says Sovereign YHWH: I am going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I am YHWH. Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YHWH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YHWH.’ ”

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