



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: From Thursday June 27 – July 2, you may reach out to Pastor Carol for Pastoral Care. She can be reached at cell: 317-496-9732. Email: casowle@gmail.com. Before June 27 and after July 2, **you may reach out to** the Rev. Worth Hartman who can be reached at worthgrover@sbcglobal.net or 317-417-0806

In-Person Office Hours: Cassidy (church admin) in office 10:30 am-1:30 pm

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. Elizabeth Price (she/her), Preacher

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Cristy James, Liturgist

*We light a special candle in worship on the altar as a symbol of God's love and care for
Pastor Sarah and her family during this family medical leave time.*

The light represents God's healing power and love.

June 23, 2024

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Come, My People

Martin

INTROIT

I Am the Light of the World

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF GATHERING #22 Come, All You People *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5

Cristy James

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



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

MESSAGE

For the Love of God!

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG OF REFLECTION #140

All of My Life

Sing! Prayer and Praise

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

Light of the World

Crawford

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

Your Grace Is Enough

Maher

*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 #32

Metta Prayer

Sing! Prayer and Praise

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

As You Go, Tell the World

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Go, Make a Diff'ence

Angrisano, Tomaszek

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

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.

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**.

Cards to Our Church Family – Please sign the cards on our “card stand”, for those celebrating birthdays, or in need of prayers.

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



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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, June 25	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, June 27	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch
Thursday, June 27	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Saturday, June 29	9:30 AM	Caring Crafters
Sunday, June 30	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, June 30	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) Rev. Elizabeth Price Preaches!

Today's Scripture

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5

As soon David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him to Saul, with David still carrying the Philistine's head. "Whose child are you?" Saul asked. David said, "I am the child of your servant, Jesse of Bethlehem."

Once David finished speaking with Saul, the souls of Jonathan and David became intertwined, and Jonathan loved David with all his heart and soul. Seeing this, Saul took David in, and wouldn't allow him to return home. And Jonathan and David made a solemn covenant with one another, for they loved each other as much as they loved themselves. Then Jonathan took off his robe and his tunic, and gave them to David; he also gave him his sword, his bow, and his belt. David, succeeding so well in the missions Saul ordered, was put in charge of the fighting forces. This pleased the people and Saul's officers as well.

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