



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Judy Fletcher (she/her), 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 30, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

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

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

INTROIT

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE #68

God Is Truly with Us

*New Century Hymnal*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5: 27-43

Judy Fletcher

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



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

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

MESSAGE

The Power of Touch

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG OF REFLECTION #73

Like a Healing Stream

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

In the Sanctuary

K. Carr

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

I Am Available to You

R. Hansome

\*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 #78

Part in Peace

*New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

Metta Prayer

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

God Be with You

## 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.



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, July 2	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Sunday, July 7	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, July 7	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) Rev. Worth Hartman Preaches!

## Today's Scripture

### Mark 5: 27-43

She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. "If I can touch even the hem," she had told herself, "I will be well again." Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" The disciples said, "You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at Jesus' feet and told him the whole truth. "My daughter," Jesus said, "your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction." While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why put the Teacher to any further trouble?" But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: "Don't be afraid. Just believe." Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and James' brother John. They came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. Jesus went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep." At this, they began to ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave. Jesus took the child's mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand, he said to her, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately the girl, who was twelve years old, got up and began to walk about. At this they were overcome with astonishment. Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

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