



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 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

Scott Semester, 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.

July 14, 2024

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Be Still and Know

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE #84

This Is the Day

New Century Hymnal

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

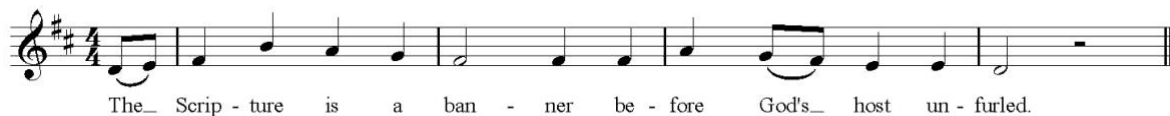
SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-15

Scott Semester

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



The_ Scrip - ture is a ban - ner be - fore God's_ host un - furled.

MESSAGE

I Hope You Dance

Rev. Elizabeth Price

SONG OF REFLECTION

Lord of the Dance

(see insert)

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

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

*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 #205

Dance into Joy

Sing! Prayer and Praise

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

Be Still and Know

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

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

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, July 16	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 17	1:30 PM	Book Circle
Wednesday, July 17	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, July 11	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Sunday, July 21	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, July 21	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB) Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey Preaches!

Today's Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-15

David again called up all the warriors of Israel and picked 30,000 elite fighters. Then David and the whole force set out for Ba'alath* in Judah to return the Ark of God, which bears the name of YHWH who sits enthroned above the cherubim. The Ark of God was placed on a new cart and removed from the house of Abinadab on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio walked before it, while David and all the people of Israel celebrated to their hearts' content before YHWH, with songs, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

David went down and brought the Ark up from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When the bearers of the Ark of YHWH took their first six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fatted calf. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before YHWH with all his might, while he and his whole house of Israel brought up the Ark of YHWH with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

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