



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 LGBTQAAIL+ 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, including home visits, hospital visits, home communion, prayer and conversation. She may be reached by text or phone at (386) 478-9012 or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

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. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Worship Leader and Preacher

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Rev. Lance Mullins, Liturgist

August 18, 2024

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

INTROIT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE #66 O Day of Radiant Gladness *New Century Hymnal*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 9:1-6

Rev. Lance Mullins

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

Praise to God's Ho - ly word! Al - le - lu - ia!

*SONG OF REFLECTION #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness *New Century Hymnal*

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

*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG OF SENDING #82 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *New Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

POSTLUDE

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship and Fun!

Church Picnic, Sept 8, following worship: We had such a good time last year with the bouncy house, we decided to do this again, thanks to a generous gift to fund it. Please plan to come to worship on Sept 8, and stay for a picnic lunch, bouncy house, and other fun activities! So we know how much food to order, please sign up on the form in the Narthex, or contact Wendy Baldwin.

Self-Care & Mindfulness Table in the Parlor: How do you get through times of stress, exhaustion, or depression? The Care & Connection Board is looking for ideas that we can share with our congregation, as well as providing some ways to help provide mindfulness or concentration. Please check out the table set up in the Parlor.

New Door Keypad Code: Yay - our new patio door is now installed, with an "auto-opener" to allow easier opening of the door for those who need it. As part of this project, we have changed the code needed to open the door (even with the auto-opener). If you do not know the code, and need it, please contact Wendy Baldwin. The door will continue to be unlocked on Sunday mornings, so no code is needed at that time. Thank you for the financial gifts that helped pay for the new door!

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, August 20	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 21	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, August 22	11:45 AM	Women's Lunch Bunch
Thursday, August 22	1:00 PM	Men's Lunch
Saturday, August 23	9:30 AM	Caring Crafters
Sunday, August 25	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, August 25	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

Today's Scripture

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up her seven pillars.

She has prepared her food, decanted her wine,
and set her table.

She has sent out her household staff to call
from a spot overlooking the city.

“Whoever wants enlightenment, step this way!” she
says, inviting all who lack common sense.

“Come, eat my bread and drink the wine
which I have prepared for you.

Abandon your foolishness that you may live,
and walk the path of understanding!”

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