



# 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, 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](mailto: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.**





\*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 #10 The Presence of Our God Is Here *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

Peace Be Upon You

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

arr. Baker

## 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.



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, August 27	10:00 AM	Library Team Meeting
Tuesday, August 27	3:00 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Sunday, September 1	10:00 AM	Adult Education
Sunday, September 1	11:00 AM	Worship (In-Person, YouTube, FB)

## Today's Scripture

### Psalm 84

How I love your dwelling place,

YHWH Sabaoth!

How my soul yearns and pines  
for your courts, YHWH!

My heart and my flesh sing for  
joy to you, the living God.

The sparrow has found its home at last,

the swallow a nest for its young—

on your altars, YHWH Sabaoth,  
my Sovereign, my God!

Happiness belongs to those who live in your house

and can praise you all day long; —Selah—

and happy the pilgrims who find refuge in you  
as they set their hearts on the Ascents!

As they go through the Valley of the Weeper,

they make it a place of springs,

clothed in blessings by the early rains.

From there they make their way from village to  
village, until each one appears before God in Zion.

YHWH, God of Hosts, hear my prayer;

Listen, O God of our ancestors! —Selah—

O God, our shield, show us your favor

and look upon the face of your Anointed—

for a single day in your courts

is worth more than a thousand anywhere else;

better to be a humble doorkeeper in God's house

than to live richly in the tents of the corrupt.

For you, YHWH our God, are a battlement and shield,

bestowing grace and glory;

YHWH withholds nothing good

from those whose walk is blameless.

YHWH Sabaoth, happy are those who put their trust in you!

(Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)



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