



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 LGBTQAAI+ 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 Thursdays. If you need to meet, please contact her at cassidy@fcindy.org

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

Bonnie Bomer (she/her), Student Pastor

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Scott Semester, Liturgist

***Fiesta is our Student Pastor, Bonnie Bomer's guide dog. Please do not touch Fiesta while she is working and wearing her harness. When her harness is off, Bonnie has invited us to engage with Fiesta and pet her.

October 6, 2024

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

INTROIT

Let It Shine

Mayflower Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF PRAISE Happy the Home When God Is There

(see back page)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our

failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

ANTHEM

Let the Children Come to Me

S. Baker

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

Scott Semester

MESSAGE

Enfolding Love

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

WE RESPOND

*SONG OF INVITATION #112 Come to the Table of Grace
(vs. 1,3) *Sing! Prayer and Praise*

COMMUNION

Bonnie Bomer

MEDITATION

H. Mancini

PASTORAL PRAYER

Bonnie Bomer

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

Bonnie Bomer

INTERLUDE

We Can Praise You, God!

LaBar, Peck

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 #195 Children of God

*Sing! Prayer
and Praise*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Let It Shine

B. Hamm

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship & Fun!

TODAY: Soup & Bread Lunch, Sunday, 10/6, following

worship: We will have an informal lunch on Sunday, 10/6, to send our CROP walkers off with our blessings. Please plan to join us for a time of community that Sunday following worship, whether you are walking or not.

TODAY: The 2024 Greater Indianapolis Crop Hunger Walk: On Sunday, October 6th, our Church will be participating in this year's Greater Indianapolis Crop Hunger Walk. The first Crop Walk was in 1969 and was organized by the interfaith Church World Service to address global hunger. Today, thousands of Churches, and 100s of

communities participate in the annual Corp Hunger Walk. 25% of the money raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger programs. The Indianapolis Crop Walk is scheduled for October 6, at 2:00pm at the InterChurch Center, 1100 West 42nd Street, near the Butler Campus. The walk is a little over 3 miles around the Butler Campus neighborhood. There is parking at the InterChurch Center, and we are asked to arrive between 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Wendy will be preparing a light lunch at the Church after the Sunday Service prior to heading out to the InterChurch Center. Steve Leatherman will be at a table in the Narthex of the Church for next two Sundays after the Service to sign up walkers and collect donations in person. Wendy has set up our Church's Team Site on the Greater Indianapolis Crop Hunger Walk website where you can make an online donation. You need to enter the following link: events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/search. In the Search screen you then need to type in: **First Congregational UCC** and click on **First Congregational UCC – Indianapolis, IN** and you will be at our Church's donation site. If you have any additional questions, please send me an email. We thank everyone who can walk or donate to this year's Crop Hunger Walk.

Steve Leatherman, Email: stevelnote@gmail.com

Ways to Connect & Serve: Interested in participating with a small group at First Congregational? Check out the Connect & Serve cards in the pews, and take one with you, if you like! Looking for an activity that isn't there - contact Wendy Baldwin.

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 Mental Health Covenant that includes support for the following organizations: the UCC Mental Health Network, The Julian Center, and GenderNexus.



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: 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, October 8, 11:30 AM: Staff Meeting**
- **TUESDAY, October 8, 3:30 PM: Worship and Faith**
- **WEDNESDAY, October 9, 7:00 PM: Trustees Meeting**
- **THURSDAY, October 10, 1:30 PM: Book Club**
- **FRIDAY, October 11, 6:30 PM: NAMI Support Group**
- **SATURDAY, October 12, 2:00 PM: Ordination of Lianna Campos**
- **ADULT EDUCATION, SUNDAY, October 13, 10:00 AM: Join us for fellowship and discussion! Questions: casowle@gmail.com**
- **SUNDAY WORSHIP, October 13, 11:00 AM, Student Pastor Bonnie Bomer Preaches**
- **SUNDAY, October 13, 12:00 PM, Bonnie's Ministry Support Team**
- **SUNDAY, October 13, 12:15 PM, Outreach and Service**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this. When Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is to just such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. The truth is, whoever doesn't welcome the kingdom of God as a little child won't enter it." And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

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1. Hap - py the home when God is there,
 2. Hap - py the home where Je - sus' name
 3. Hap - py the home where prayer is heard,
 4. God, let us in our homes a - gree

and love fills ev - ery breast; when one their wish, and
 is sweet to ev - ery ear; where chil - dren ear - ly
 and praise is wont to rise; where par - ents love the
 this bless - ed peace to gain; u - nite our hearts in

one their prayer, and one their heaven - ly rest.
 speak his fame, and par - ents hold him dear.
 sa - cred Word and all its wis - dom prize.
 love to thee, and love to all will reign.

WORDS: Henry Ware, Jr., 1846
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

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