



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Student Pastor Bonnie Bomer, (she/her)

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Angel Flora, 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 27, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

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

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE & INTROIT    Nearer, My God, to You    Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE # 83    I Sing as I Arise Today    *New Century Hymnal*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**WE ENCOUNTER**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

Angel Flora

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers



The word of God for the peo-ple of God. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Take Heart

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

## WE RESPOND

\*SONG OF REFLECTION # 547 Amazing Grace

*New Century  
Hymnal*

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

All of My Life

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

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG    Peace I Leave with You, My Friends      Mayflower  
Singers

POSTLUDE

## **Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship & Fun!**

**FCC's Outreach and Service Board** has focused on the issue of affordable housing. We encourage members to join with a neighbor congregation hosting an event helping us learn about this pressing social justice issue located at North United Methodist Church: 3808 North Meridian Street, 2024 Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues. "The Front Porch Factor: Let's Talk Housing" Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024 taking place in their Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. This year's Hamilton Series takes up the urgent topic of affordable housing. Rev. John Edgar, author of "A Front Porch for All People," will be the guest preacher at 8:30 a.m. and the 11 a.m. worship services. 12:00 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. A RSVP to [events@northchurchindy.com](mailto:events@northchurchindy.com) is required for the luncheon. There will be a 1:00 p.m. Keynote Address by IU McKinney School of Law professor Fran Quigley and at 1:45 p.m. Panel Discussion of experts and service providers. The entire event is free and everyone is welcome.

**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](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: 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, October 29, 11:30 AM: Staff Meeting**
- **THURSDAY, October 31, 1:00 PM: Men’s Lunch**
- **ADULT EDUCATION, SUNDAY, November 3, 10:00 AM: Join us for fellowship and discussion! Questions: [casowle@gmail.com](mailto:casowle@gmail.com)**
- **SUNDAY WORSHIP, November 3, 11:00 AM, In-person and Online**

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus ben-Timaeus, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, "Heir of David, Jesus, have pity on me!" Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, "Heir of David, have pity on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man. "Don't be afraid," they said. "Get up; Jesus is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabbuni," the blind man said, "I want to see." Jesus replied, "Go, your faith has saved you." And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight and began to follow Jesus along the road.

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

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