



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 “prayground” 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. 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.

Thursday April 17, 2025

7:00 PM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Christus Factus Est.

Bruckner/Warbinton
Bell Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and cup.

Christ calls us to this supper of remembrance.

Christ calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example.

We will never forget the full extent of his love.

HYMN #223 What Wondrous Love Is This, vs.1 *New Century Hymnal*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this!

that Christ should come in bliss

to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

COMMUNION Bonnie Bomer and Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Rev. Worth Hartman

HYMN #223 What Wondrous Love Is This, vs. 2 *New Century Hymnal*
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

SECOND READING Psalm 22 Scott Semester

THIRD READING Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Maddie Baldwin

HYMN #223 What Wondrous Love Is This, vs. 3 *New Century Hymnal*
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

FOURTH READING John 18:1-27 Stephanie Brown

A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION AND ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

FIFTH READING John 18:28-19:16a Sean Baker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SIXTH READING John 19: 16b-30 Bonnie Bomer

MEDITATION

SEVENTH READING

John 19: 31-42

Ann Leatherman

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

When I survey the Wondrous Cross 19th Century, US
Special Music Solo by Gini Coomer

WE HONOR AND EXIT IN SILENCE, TOGETHER

Friday, April 18 at 6:00 PM: Pizza and movie night featuring “Call me Malcolm.” This is the story of transgender and UCC minister Rev. Dr. Malcolm Himschoot. Rev. Himschoot will lead us in worship on Sunday, April 27.



Thank You for Your Financial Gifts! Our current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant that includes support for the following organizations: Exodus Refugee Immigration, the Peace Learning Center, and Family Promise.

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**](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

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