



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.

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.**

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.

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

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

Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director, Video Designer

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Bread for the World Team: Janet Selby, Jessica Kramer, Katie Booth, Steve

Leatherman, Karen Walker, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Steve Leatherman, Liturgist

May 11, 2025

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

ST. ANNE

arr. Baker

INTROIT

Praise the Name of Jesus

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

LITANY

Katie Booth

One: God of Abundance and Grace, we give thanks for the resources you have entrusted to us in this world.

Many: Thank you for the abundance and possibility of healthy food and clean water for all

One: God, help us feel the passion to change that 'possibility' to reality

Many: Help us express that passion and your will in the letters we write, using our power to influence aid for those who are most vulnerable and without power

One: God, We ask that passion and your will be transmitted in the letters we write to our elected leaders to make ending hunger a priority

Many: We pray that passion and will to end hunger is felt by our leaders – particularly for children near and far.

One: We ask your continued care and blessing on the children in our lives and all the children in the world

Many: We trust that you will amplify this effort and that your kingdom will continue to burst forth in the world.

All: In Jesus name we pray, Amen

SONG OF ACTION #216

God Says It's Time

*Sing! Prayer
& Praise*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Judy Fletcher

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

Steve Leatherman

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

MESSAGE

Feed The Children

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*SONG OF REFLECTION

Bread for the World

(See back page)

WE RESPOND

INTRODUCTION TO LETTER WRITING

Karen Walker

VIDEO

Bread for the World Video from Senator Todd Young

LETTER WRITING

BLESSING OVER LETTERS

Sue Chapman

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

MEDITATION

Growing In Faith

DeMann

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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

Bread for the World

Haugen, arr. Baker

**DOXOLOGY Song of Thanks*

The Resurrection now has come.

Christ's justice work must still be done.

These gifts we bring are for that goal,

To share and care for every soul.

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

**SONG OF SENDING #170* We Share a Hunger

*Sing! Prayer
and Praise*

BENEDICTION

Bread for the World Team

BLESSING SONG

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Bread for the World

Haugen, arr. Baker

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship & Fun!

POP UP PLANT SALE THIS SUNDAY! The Green Team is selling annuals, veggie plants and a few perennials on the back porch. Honor system to pay, plants priced sensibly. Look for the payment jar ;) ! Ann, Katie, and Judy

Book Circle has been moved to Thursday May 15 at 1:30. Call Karen Walker at 317-319-8950 for more information.

Children's Faith Formation Class – After each Sunday's service, up front in the Playground, there will be a short Bible lesson for all children. Please grab a cup of coffee and visit while your children get together to learn about Jesus and the Old Testament stories that he knew.

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.

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: 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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-16

Read by Steve Leatherman

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them 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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Bread for the World


Marty Haugen

F Gm⁷ Dm C/E F B \flat F/A




Re - joice, give thanks for a - bun - dant grace, food on our ta - bles, and
 Hope burns a - new, thru the world's des - pair, when eyes are o - pened and
 Act strong in faith, for God's reign is near; stand up with cour - age, speak

7 Gm⁷ C/E A⁷ Dm Cm⁷ F⁷ B \flat A⁷ Dm



peace with in this place. How rich, how wide is our God's em - brace!
 hearts are moved to care, when we can lis - ten and learn to share,
 out and do not fear! Now is the time that the world must hear

13 *Refrain* B \flat Gm⁷ C C⁷ F/A B \flat Dm⁷



And thru this great, sus - tain - ing love We are bread for the world, bread for the
 then we might fin'ly - ly turn and see
 the task that God has called us to:

20 G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ F Gm⁷ F/A



world, bread for a hun - gry world... May we be bread for the

26 B \flat Dm⁷ G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ B \flat F



world, bread for the world, bread for a hun - gry world.