



# 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 “playground” at the front of the church, or use a “Quiet Bag” found in the Narthex.

**\*Disclaimer:** Our worship services are 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.

## Warning! Scam alert!

Do not give any financial information from requests via email or text solicitations. These are scams and not from the church!

**Accessibility:** Please see an usher if you'd like a listening device. We also have a variety of fidgets in the playground to support neurodiversity. Don't hesitate to let an usher know if there's something else you're in need of!

**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. 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.**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Preacher and Worship Leader  
Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director, Video Designer  
Bonnie Bomer (she/her), participant  
Mayflower Singers  
Ben James (he/him), Media Technician  
Steve Leatherman, Mission Moment  
Judy Fletcher, Vision Moment  
Sandy Wood, Liturgist

11:00 AM

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

# PRELUDE      To God Be the Glory - My Tribute

INTROIT                      Listen to Your Savior Call                      Mayflower Singers

MISSION MOMENT      Indy Action Coalition      Steve Leatherman

*SONG OF INVOCATION #91	Give Us Vision	<i>Sing! Prayer &amp; Praise</i>
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One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

VISION MOMENT Judy Fletcher  
*What are our core values in meeting conflict?*

SCRIPTURE      Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21      Sandy Wood

# SCRIPTURE RESPONSE Mayflower Singers

MESSAGE            The Tree of Life in God's Brain Forest  
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION #14    The Grace of God Is Yours    *Sing!*  
*Prayer & Praise*

## WE RESPOND

COMMUNION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

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

INTERLUDE            This Day of Rest And Gladness

\*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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

\*SONG OF SENDING #217    Peace I Leave with You    *Sing! Prayer & Praise*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG            Listen to Your Savior Call    Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE                      By Gracious Powers

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

**Celebrating Pastor Sarah's new book! Today** after worship, gather in the Parlor for refreshments as we celebrate Pastor Sarah's new book, *Blessed Minds: Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity*. Books will be available for purchase and Pastor Sarah will be signing them.

**Open Table Lunch Bunch:** Join us after Worship on June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Open Table Lunch Bunch! This month, we will gather to meet in the Parlor after church where Pastor Sarah will be doing her book signing. We will then decide where to go for lunch.

**Next Sunday join NAMI** and raise awareness of mental health by joining the NAMI Walk on **Sunday, June 8th on the canal**. This event is free and will include mental health vendors, speakers, music and community raising awareness for mental health. **The walk is from 11:15 am-3pm and follows a 2.65 mile route along the canal. The starting point is at the NCAA Hall of Champions and parking vouchers will be provided.** All are welcome! For more information see your epistle or go to <https://shorturl.at/HG7yS>

**PRIDE Parade 2025:** Sign up to participate in this year's PRIDE Parade. Look for the rainbow sheet on the table in the vestibule. Include your name and contact info where you can receive text messages. Thanks! Bob Cook

**Pop-Up Coffee with Pastor Sarah at Lulus** 2292 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN 46260: June 10, from 12:30-2:30pm.

**Note: Friday Prayer on Zoom will be paused for the summer.**

**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!

**Children's Faith Formation Class** – After each Sunday's service, up front in the Prayground, 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.



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](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)

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

“Remember, I am coming soon! I bring with me the reward that will be given to all people according to their conduct. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are they who wash their robes so as to have free access to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.”

“It is I, Jesus, who has sent my angel to give you this testimony about the churches. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star shining bright.” The Spirit and the Betrothed say, “Come!” Let the one who hears it answer, “Come!” Let the thirsty come forward. Let all who desire it accept the gift of life-giving water.

The One who gives this testimony says, “Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen! Come, Jesus! The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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



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