



# 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 LGBTQAAl+ 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.**

## **We celebrate our worship leaders today:**

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

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

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Steve Leatherman, Vision Moment

Job, Message for All Ages

Ilana a la Mode (she/they), Drag Queen

Sean Baker, Liturgist

**June 8, 2025**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY!**

**11:00 AM**

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

## **WE GATHER**

PRELUDE

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

J. K. Manley

INTROIT

Fire!

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL to WORSHIP (from our ONA Covenant)

God calls us to end ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice and discrimination against all people.

**Each one of us is loved and made in the image of God.**

We are called to follow the life and teachings of Jesus who denied no one and welcomed all.

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We recommit ourselves to creating a safe place which is free from exploitation and abuse, and that is inclusive for all people to worship God.

**Each one of us is loved and made in the image of God.**

\*SONG OF INVOCATION #282    Every Time I Feel the Spirit    *New Century Hymnal*

## SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## VISION MOMENT

Steve Leatherman

*How do we meet needs beyond the walls of our building?*

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Ilana a la Mode

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

H. Arlen  
Y. Harburg

## WE ENCOUNTER

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

Sean Baker

### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

## MESSAGE

The Multiple Languages of Love

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

## \*SONG OF REFLECTION #43

Holy Spirit, Come Now

*Sing!*

*Prayer & Praise*

## WE RESPOND

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

\*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 #142

Fire!

*Sing! Prayer and Praise*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG   Send Your Spirit to Set Us Free   Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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

**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

### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!" All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of: 'In the days to come— it is our God who speaks— I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'

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



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## **More About Our Covenant We've Committed to for Over 30 Years!**

### **ONA Statement First Congregational UCC:**

In 1994 First Congregational UCC, Indianapolis, identified itself as an Open and Affirming congregation. This began our commitment to end ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice and discrimination against all people. We are called to follow the life and teachings of Jesus, who denied no one and welcomed all. We do this by creating a safe place which is free from exploitation and abuse, and that is inclusive for all people to worship God. We acknowledge that despite our best intentions, we are likely to make mistakes; but we commit in advance to listen, confess, reconcile, restore and recommit in love on this journey. Therefore, we enter into this mutual covenant with each other and God to offer an extravagant welcome on behalf of our body of believers to all who would follow Jesus – regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, age, education, economic class, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or psychological differences – as equals in the life and ministry of our faith community. (Revised May, 2015 Adopted by the Congregation January, 2016)

