



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

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.

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Preacher & Worship Leader
Pastor Carolyn Scanlan (she/her), Guest Pastor
Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director, Video Designer
Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader
Gracelynn Norgaard (she/her), Family Faith Ministry Leader
Mayflower Singers
Sarah Finnicum (she/her), Just Peace Intern
Ben James (he/him), Media Technician
Alice Rutherford, Liturgist

October 5, 2025

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Make Us One

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

One: What do we find at today's table?

Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

One: What is not at today's table?

Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

One: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love. Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

*SONG OF PRAISE #84

This Is the Day

New Century Hymnal

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Gracelynn Norgaard

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

Alice Rutherford

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

MESSAGE

That All May Be One

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

SONG OF REFLECTION #386

The Church's One Foundation

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund with Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Scanlan-Holmes

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

*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 The Church's One Foundation (*see back page*)
(from *The Hymnal, UCC rooted from the Evangelical & Reformed Church*)

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG

Make Us One

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship & Fun!

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP! Join us for a pitch-in with the Vision Team!

Worship Refreshment Hosting: On Sundays, our custom is to provide snacks and beverages before and after worship in the Parlor. It is a time of connecting and community building. In the past, Wendy Baldwin has handled this when she is in town, but we are hoping more people will be willing to 'host'. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Wendy. Also let her know if you would like more info and/or some 'training' on this process.

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.

Indy Action Coalition (IAC), our interfaith, congregational based community organizing body continues to organize and advocate for justice. We have been making news challenging our Marion County Sheriff, Kerry Forestal, to cancel his contract with ICE detaining for deportation our immigrant neighbors. The next step in IAC's 2025-2026 campaign is intentional engagement with congregations, neighbors and community to identify the issues you are most passionate about and most personally affect you and your family. What kind of community do you want to live in and what has to change to create that community? So we invite you to a joint FCC/Garden event to hear your concerns, hopes, most important issue you want IAC to address

LISTENING SESSION: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10:00 AM (ADULT ED HOUR), MAYFLOWER ROOM

The next step will be to gather the results from all the listening sessions and decide on a few primary issues for continued research to to identify policy solutions and what is winnable now and who we have to influence to bring about change.

RESEARCH ASSEMBLY: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6:30 PM ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 100 WEST 86TH STREET

Children's Faith Formation every Sunday: After each Sunday's Message for All Ages, the children are invited to go to The Tree House Room on the second floor for faith formation experience for all children led by Gracelynn. Please meet your child in the Tree House Room after worship.

Today begins Banned Books Week. Choose to use your First Amendment Right to choose your reading material. Peruse the display in the Narthex. Books may be checked out after church.

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 – Join our Adult Ed group for thoughtful study and discussion or go to choir practice to rehearse for that morning's singing, all skill levels welcome!



Thank You for Your Financial Gifts!

The Covenant giving organizations for September to December 2025 are the UCC Mental Health Network, GenderNexus, and Indy Action Coalition. 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

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith!" Jesus answered, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Uproot yourself and plant yourself in the sea,' and it would obey you. 'If one of you had hired help plowing a field or herding sheep, and they came in from the fields, would you say to them, 'Come and sit at my table?' Wouldn't you say instead, 'Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink afterward'? Would you be grateful to the workers who were just doing their job? It's the same with you who hear me. When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are simple workers. We have done no more than our duty.' "

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



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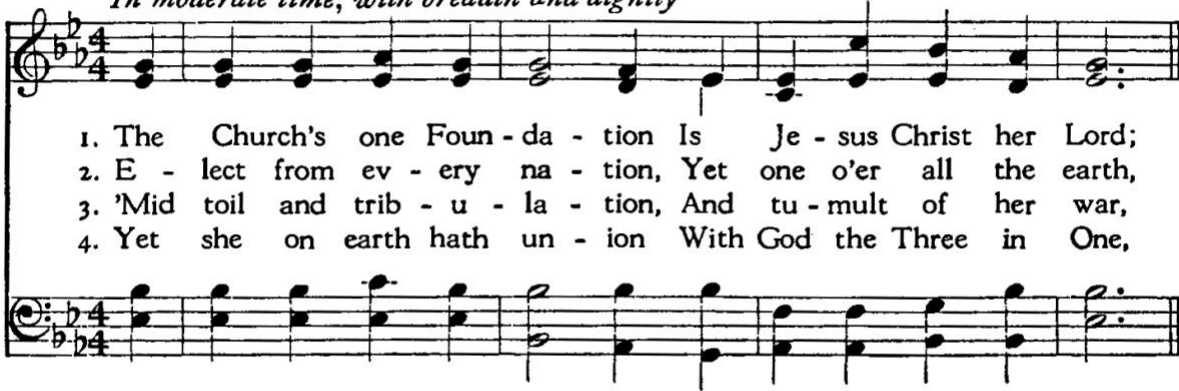


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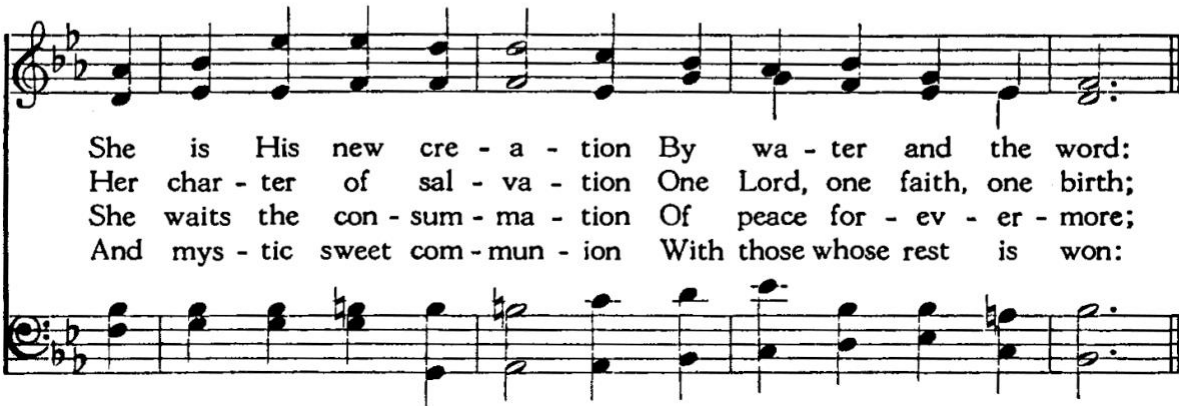
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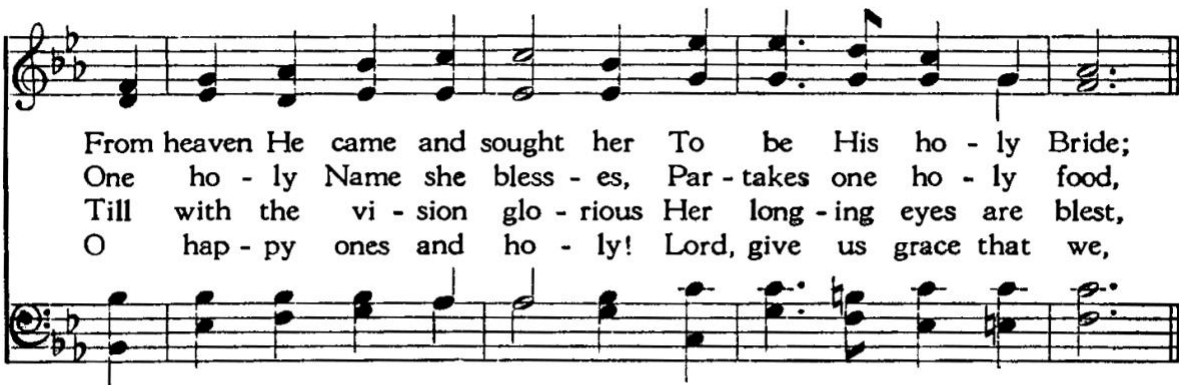
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SAMUEL S. WESLEY, 1864*In moderate time, with breadth and dignity*


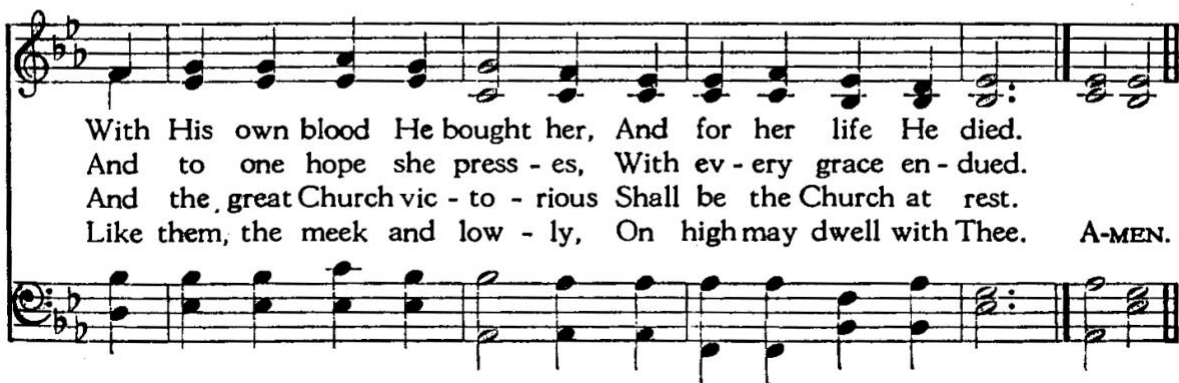
1. The Church's one Foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
 4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
 And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:



From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly Bride;
 One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A-MEN.