



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
Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director, Video Designer
Gracelynn Norgaard (she/her), Family Faith Ministry Leader
Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader
Mayflower Singers
Sarah Finnicum (she/her), Just Peace Intern
Ben James (he/him), Media Technician
Wendy Harrison, Liturgist

Today is All Saints' Day.

We honor and recognize the loss to this congregation of the many services given to First Congregational Church by Judi Deng, Dan Kaufman, Patricia LaCrosse, Judy Larracey, and Paul Terheride.

November 2, 2025

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

F. Crosby

INTROIT

Rise Up, Rise Up

Mayflower Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings a reason to worship –

All: We bring the burdens of the week.

One: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

All: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

One: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

All: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

*SONG OF INVOCATION #173

You Have Come down to the Lakeshore (vs.1,2) *New Century Hymnal*

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 19:1-10	Wendy Harrison
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Singers
MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES		Gracelynn Norgaard
MESSAGE	The Poverty of the Rich	Rev. Elizabeth Price
SONG OF REFLECTION	Zacchaeus	<i>(see back page)</i>

WE RESPOND

COMMUNION

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
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OFFERING

INTERLUDE

Jesus Calls Us

Alexander, Jude

*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 #551 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior *New
Century Hymnal*

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG Pass the Love Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE Zacchaeus

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship & Fun!

TODAY! Pitch-In with the Safe Church Team! All are Welcome!

Safe Church- What is It? You may or may not have heard of the Safe Church Response Committee (SCRC). If you've heard the name, you may have thought- What is it? What do they do? What do they have to do with me? All good questions! We can answer them at the **Safe Church Pitch-In on November 2, 2025 after worship in the Mayflower Room** on the lower floor. We will explain what the committee does, how it came into being and why it is important to our church. We will also answer any questions you might have and discuss when you might think about referring to the SCRC. We will deal with the topic as

expeditiously as possible so you can have the majority of your afternoon free. Please come! **The Safe Church Response Committee- Angela Hodges and Sandy Wood**



Worship Refreshment Hosting: On Sundays, our custom is to provide snacks and beverages before and after worship in the Parlor. 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.

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 19:1-10

Entering Jericho, Jesus passed through the city. There was a wealthy person there named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but he couldn't do so because of the crowd, since he was short. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus ran on ahead, then climbed a sycamore tree that was along the route. When Jesus came to the spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come on down. I'm going to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and welcomed Jesus with delight. When everyone saw this, they began to grumble, "Jesus has gone to a sinner's house as a guest." Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to Jesus, "Here and now I give half my belongings to poor people. If I've defrauded anyone in the least, I'll pay them back fourfold." Jesus said to the tax collector, "Today salvation has come to this house, for this is what it means to be a descendant of Sarah and Abraham. The Promised One has come to search out and save what was lost."

(Call to worship: Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission)

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

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Zacchaeus

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Zac - chae-us was a wee lit-tle man, and a wee lit-tle man was he. He climbed up in a
chae-us knew that he'd done wrong, and sor-ry for his sins was he. "Lord, to the poor I'll

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