



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 “pryground” 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 prayground 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), Worship Leader and Preacher

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

Gracelynn Norgaard (she/her), Family Faith Ministry Leader

Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader

Hugh Weatherly, Just Peace Intern

Mayflower Singers

Ben James (he/him), Media Technician

Cora Ladd, Liturgist

February 1, 2026

11:00 AM

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Come Sweet Justice

Mayflower Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

All: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

One: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

All: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

One: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

All: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

One: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God

*SONG OF INVOCATION #314 Community of Christ *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	Micah 6:8	Cora Ladd
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Singers
MESSAGE	Jesus' Vision of Justice	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
*SONG OF REFLECTION #137	Come Sweet Justice	<i>Sing! Prayer and Praise</i>

WE RESPOND

INVITATION	In Faith We'll Gather 'Round the Table	Mayflower Singers
COMMUNION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MEDITATION	Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home	Crosby, Stebbins, arr. Baker
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	What Does Our God Require	Bayly, Routley

*DOXOLOGY *Song of Thanks*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE GO FORTH AND PROCLAIM

*SONG OF SENDING #199 Go, Make a Difference *Sing! Prayer
and Praise*

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG As You Go, Tell the World Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE Go Make a Difference Angrisano, Tomaszek

Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship & Fun!

SEE YOU AFTER WORSHIP FOR TODAY'S ANNUAL MEETING!

This week, The Vision Teams wants to make you aware of two additional books, now available in the Adult Church Library. The first is *Sentness* by Kim Hammond and Darren Cronshaw. Learn possible means to move from a church of consumers to a church of missionaries. The second book, *The Agile Church* by Dwight Zschelle, encourages you to strengthen your faith through making “good mistakes” and learning from them.

New WIFI: We recently upgraded our WIFI throughout the church building and there are now new networks. To access WIFI, please use FCGuest and the password is Godisgr8. Questions/comments? Contact Wendy Baldwin.

Seeking Gifts for the Acts of Kindness Fund: This is a special fund for our church members facing temporary financial setbacks. Can you make a special gift to it that will help individuals in our church family? Questions - ask Wendy Baldwin.

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! 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.

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

Micah 6:8





Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what “good” is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

We are a Micah 6:8 church, called to
“Do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.”



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

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

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