



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, so we use 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 Prayground 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.

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 anything else you need!

Pastoral Care: You may reach out to Pastor Sarah for pastoral care, including home visits, hospital visits, home communion, prayer, and conversation. You may reach her by text or phone at (386) 478-9012 or by email at pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

In-Person Office Hours: Shannon (church admin) works in the church office on Tuesdays and Fridays. You may contact her at shannon@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.

May 24, 2026

11:00 AM

We celebrate today's worship leaders:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund (she/her), Worship Leader
Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director and Video Designer
Ben James (he/him), Media Technician
Gracelynn Royer (she/her), Family Faith Ministry Leader
Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader
Mayflower Singers
Wendy Baldwin, Liturgist

*Please speak **bold** words aloud. Stand as you are able for asterisked (*) songs.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE: *What a Mighty God We Serve*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

INTROIT: *Fire*

Mayflower Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We're gathered to celebrate Pentecost JOY, grateful God still pours out the Spirit on us!

Many: We celebrate, for our sons and our daughters shall prophesy!

One: Some will see visions, and others, dream dreams.

Many: In that day, all who call on the name of God will know unconditional love.

One: Let the wind of joy and love be free, let God's Spirit fill us all!

*SONG OF INVOCATION: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

New Century Hymnal 282

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Gracelynn Royer

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

UNISON PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

Ever-breathing God, like a mighty wind bringing fresh air and new life to all, fill us with your Spirit this day! Renew in us a passion for you, for your all-encompassing love, and for this congregation. Inspire us! Help us breathe in the power of the Spirit you offer. Fire us up with the Spirit of God to do the new works you've prepared for us, and energize us in this time of worship. Amen.

WE ENCOUNTER

ANTHEM: *Winds of Change*

Manibusan, Stephan

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21

Wendy Baldwin

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

MESSAGE: "Trusting the Spirit"

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

*SONG OF REFLECTION: *Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound*

New Century Hymnal 265

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*

**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: *Spirit of the Living God*

New Century Hymnal 283

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG: *Holy Spirit, Come Now*

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE: *Creator God, Creating Still*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room.

² Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. ³ Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one.

⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

⁵ Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, ⁶ and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken.

⁷ They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! ⁸ How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? ⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—¹¹ all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

¹² All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

¹⁴ 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! ¹⁵ These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.

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



Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship, and Fun!

Interested in becoming a member of First Congregational? Talk to Pastor Sarah about making First Congregational your church home. Joining the church as a member is a way to grow closer to one another and to God in the spirit of love.

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 the fund that will help individuals in our church family? Contact Wendy Baldwin with questions.

Sunday Morning Refreshment Hosting: 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 you can contact Wendy for 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 food 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 are 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 and 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: 800-950-NAMI (6264). **The Trevor Project hotline** offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges: 866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and www.theTrevorProject.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN TABLE DINNER: a joint project of FCC and the Garden
Wednesday, May 27, 6-8pm

Reservations required by May 20: <https://tinyurl.com/26-05-opentable>

Let's gather for dinner together! Members of The Garden and First Congregational and all who would like to attend are invited for dinner, relationship building conversation & a program featuring Doran Nash of The Garden and Sean Baker of First Congregational discussing their lives and careers as professional musicians. We're getting the Parlor piano tuned, so hopefully we'll hear some songs from them, as well!

Congrats to Gracelynn & Noah!

We celebrate the marriage of our Family Faith Ministry Leader Gracelynn to Noah Royer in April. We are collecting for a monetary gift to them, so if you would like to contribute, please do so by May 31, marking the gift as "Gracelynn".

What's the Buzz Pitch-In: Sunday, 5/31 (following worship)

Please join us for a pitch-in lunch following worship on Sunday, May 31. This will be a time of fellowship, updates, and Q&A on current life at First Congregational. There will be updates on the Vision Team, The Garden, and some other things. We want to know what you think. Hope you can come, and if you have particular items or questions that you would like us to include, please contact Senior Councilors Wendy Baldwin, Steve Coomer, and Jimmy Hodges.

2026 PRIDE: Saturday, June 13, 9:30-noon



Please sign the roster in the vestibule if you can walk in the PRIDE Parade with First Congregational. This is a long tradition with our Open and Affirming congregation.

Order your PRIDE shirt by scanning the QR code below.



This Week at FCC

Tuesday, 5/26 at 11:30 AM: Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, 5/27 at 6:00 PM: Open Table Dinner & Fellowship
(Parlor/Narthex)

Thursday, 5/28 at 11:45 AM: Women's Lunch Bunch (Lincoln
Square Pancake House, 8555 Ditch Rd.)

1:00 PM: Men's Lunch, Sully's Grill
(at Sullivan's Hardware)

Friday, 5/29 at 1:30 PM: Senior Councilors (Zoom)

Saturday, 5/30 at 9:30 AM: Caring Crafters (Parlor)