



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 31, 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
Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader
Mayflower Singers
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Liturgist
Jacob Smith, String Bass
Mike Kessler, Percussion

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

WE GATHER

PRELUDE: *The Body Is One*

Sandberg

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

INTROIT: *This is the Day*

Mayflower Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Whether you've donned a robe and are sitting up in the choir loft or not:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether you've had years of musical training or learned to sing in the shower:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether you've got the voice of an angel or are just doing good to make a joyful noise:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether you're confident and courageous in your singing or self-conscious and unsure:

MANY: Sing!

ONE: Whether it's easy for you or a cross to you:

MANY: Sing!

ALL: Sing, and you will find in it a blessing that draws you closer to God and each other.

*SONG OF PRAISE: *No Matter*

Sing! Prayer and Praise #35

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

God of Song, thank you for creating us as musical expressions of your divine love. You inspire us to make music and to enjoy all the sounds coming from the human heart. Help us to be mindful in our self-expression, to make joyful noises, and to avoid harmful expressions that devalue and judge others. Forgive us for the times when we have harmed others. Offer us grace to express love in all that we do. Make our hearts sing a new song with the power and love of the Holy Spirit that blessed us on Pentecost and blesses us still. Amen.

WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE READING: *Psalm 150*

Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

SERMON IN SONG: *God is Making Music*

Sean Baker

- #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (vs.4)
- #402 De Colores (vs. 2)
- #277 Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 4)
- #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness (vs. 1)
- #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful (vs.1)
- #436 God of Grace and God of Glory (vs.1)

WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

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: *Sing a Different Song*

*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: *Go in Peace* Sing! Prayer and Praise #193

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG: *Praise God's Name*

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE: *Children of God*

Martin

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Psalm 150

¹Alleluia! We praise you, YHWH, in your sanctuary; we praise you in your mighty skies! ²We praise you for your powerful deeds; we praise you for your overwhelming glory! ³We praise you with the blast of the trumpet; we praise you with lyre and harp! ⁴We praise you with timbrel and dance; we praise you with strings and flute! ⁵We praise you with clashing cymbals; we praise you with resounding cymbals! ⁶Let everything that has breath praise YHWH! Alleluia!

(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

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.

As a test, this will be hybrid on the church Zoom, however, we are unsure of the ability to hear what is going on in the room.

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".

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. Carpooling from church to PRIDE Parade is being organized. If interest, please write CP next to your name when you sign up for the parade. Scan QR code above to order a t-shirt.

This Week at FCC

Sunday, 5/31 at 12:15 PM: Buzz Pitch-In

Tuesday, 6/2 at 11:30 AM: Staff Meeting, Zoom

12:30 PM: Pop-Up Coffee with Pastor Sarah,
Lulu's Coffee & Bakehouse

Wednesday, 6/3 at 12:30 PM: Mental Health Team, Zoom

6:00 PM: MHCNS Event, Mayflower Room

7:00 PM: Personnel Committee, Zoom

Friday, 6/5 at 1:30 PM: Senior Councilors, Zoom



