



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

June 14, 2026

11:00 AM

**We celebrate today's worship leaders:**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, Worship Leader & Preacher  
Sean Baker (he/him), Music Director and Video Designer  
Ben James (he/him), Media Technician  
Scott Semester (he/him), Worship Song Leader  
Mayflower Singers  
Scott Semester, Liturgist

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

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE: *All My Hope on God is Founded* Howells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

VISION MOMENT

INTROIT: *My Hope is Built* Mayflower Singers

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by M Jade Kaiser)

One: God is calling us  
Out of the places we hide  
Out of insecurity  
Out of shame  
Out from under that which silences love and justice.

**All: Come out, people of God!**

One: Though we may be afraid  
Though we will be at risk

Though the cross stands as a threat

**All: God calls us to courage!**

One: Our God is a god of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the grip of evil.

And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

**All: We believe in the power of love.**

One: We believe in solidarity with the suffering.

**All: We believe we are each valuable.**

One: We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

The world is longing for Holy truths that reveal, voices that speak real words of hope.

**All: Come out, people of God!**

\*SONG OF HOPE: *All My Hope on God is Founded*

New Century Hymnal #405

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

**Rainbow-Raising God, who flew all the colors across the sky as an emblem of the promise to sustain life for all creation, we confess that our openness and affirmation has often had limits. For too long we have allowed PRIDE to be whitewashed, erasing the important dreams, visions and resistance of black trans femmes that forged a way forward for us all. Forgive our forgetfulness. For too long we have celebrated PRIDE for some of us, but not all of us. Forgive us when we use the rainbow flag to cover over the work we have yet to do to demonstrate your fierce love for trans folx. Convict us with your grace, Transforming God, so that not one more anti-trans word will be spoken without our opposition. Until trans justice comes, we pray as we would live. Amen.**

## WE ENCOUNTER

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-8

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Mayflower Singers

MESSAGE: *Rainbow Hope*

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

\*SONG OF REFLECTION: *Banner of Hope*

Sing! Prayer & Praise #75

## WE RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEDITATION: *Colorful Creator*

Duck, Young arr. Baker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Neumark

\*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: *De colores*

New Century Hymnal #402

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BLESSING SONG: *My Hope is Built*

Mayflower Singers

POSTLUDE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

Holden

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

### Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Now since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended. <sup>3</sup> But not only that—we even rejoice in our afflictions! We know that affliction produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And such a hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. <sup>7</sup> It is not easy to die even for a good person—though of course for someone really worthy, there might be someone prepared to die—<sup>8</sup> but the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us even while we were sinners. (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible. Sheed & Ward.)

### This Week at FCC

**Sunday, 6/14 at 12:30 PM:** PCRC, offsite

**4:00 PM:** VBS, Mayflower Room

**Tuesday, 6/16 at 11:30 AM:** Staff Meeting, Zoom

**1:30 PM:** Robin Run Gathering, Robin Run Café

**5:00 PM:** Garden Leadership Team, Parlor

**Wednesday, 6/17 at 1:30 PM:** Joint Covenant Team, Library

**7:00 PM:** Church Council Meeting, Zoom

**Friday, 6/19 at 1:30 PM:** Senior Councilors, Zoom

## **Opportunities for Giving, Sharing, Fellowship, and Fun!**

### **Intergenerational Messy Adventures with Moses: Moses — From the Nile to the Promised Land! June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00–6:30 PM**

Messy Adventures with Moses is designed to be truly intergenerational. Instead of separating everyone by age, we will learn side by side, building meaningful connections across generations as we discover how God's faithfulness speaks to every stage of life. Through music, storytelling, crafts, games, hands-on activities, and shared meals, we will experience the power of community and the joy of growing in faith together. Each week will focus on a different part of Moses' journey. Whether you are 5 or 95, there is a place for you at Moses Messy Adventure. Come be part of this special journey as we learn together that God is our Protector, Provider, and Guide.

**From the Foundation Board** - The Garden Church will host Glen Howell, Director of Development for the United Methodist Foundation, at 10 a.m. on Sunday June 28, 2026 in the Mayflower Room. He will speak about charitable giving and endowment. FCC members are invited to attend.

### **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.

**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.

**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!



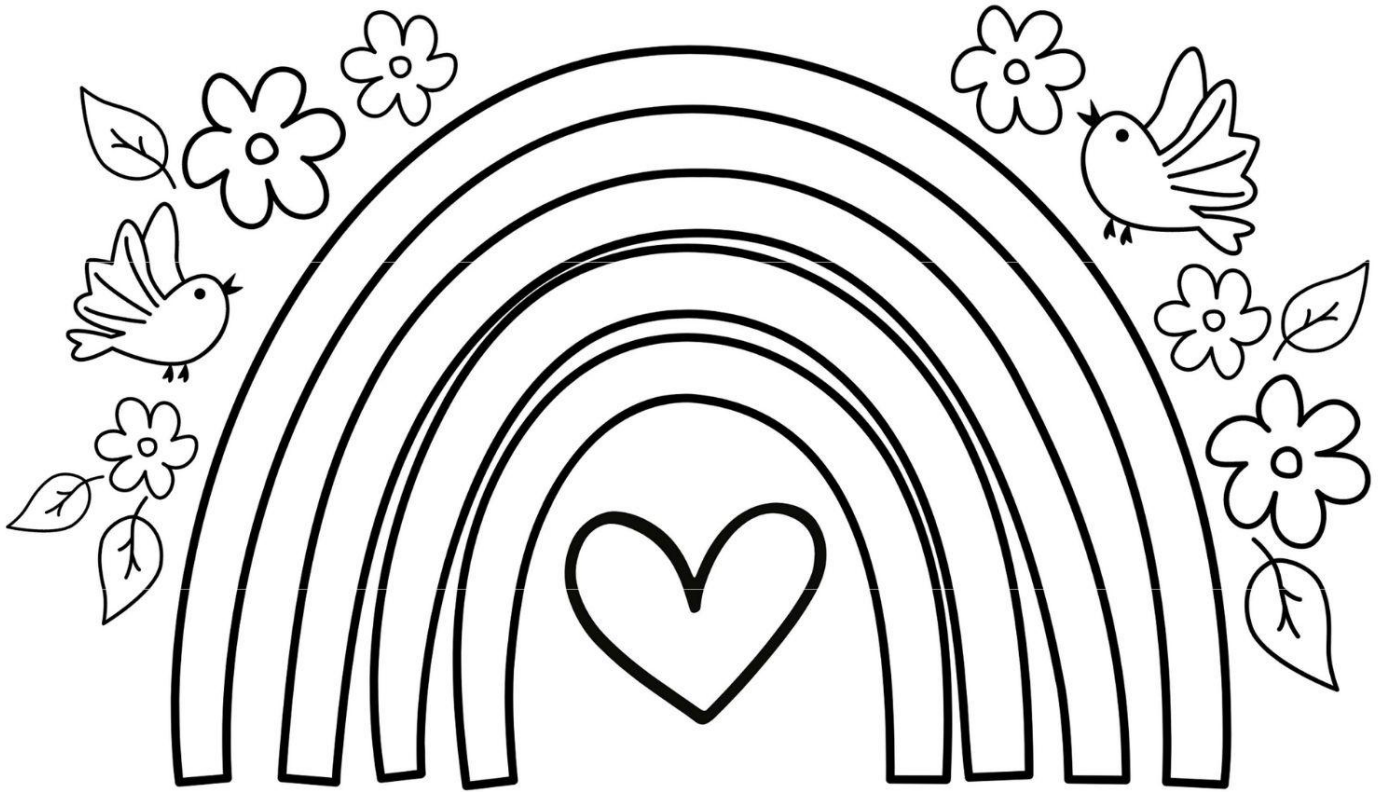
**Thank you for your financial gifts!** Our current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Just Peace Covenant that includes support for the following organizations: Exodus Refugee Immigration, the Peace Learning Center, and Family Promise. Gifts of single dollars and those designated to Covenant 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](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)**



always look for rainbows