



**Prelude:** "Worship of God in Nature" Beethoven  
 "This Is my Father's World" arr. Reimer

**Silent Meditation:** "What goes up, must come down."  
 -American Proverb

**Bringing the Light**

**Call to Worship**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Holy Wisdom" R. 258

**Congregational Greetings**

**Announcements**

**\*Covenant**

We covenant with God and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all His ways, according as He is pleased to reveal Himself unto us in His blessed Word of Truth. (Salem Church Covenant, 1639)

**\*Invocation**

**\*Gloria Patri** (tune) R. 36

Glory to the Creator  
 And to the Christ  
 And to the Holy Ghost  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
 World without end. Amen

**Anthem** "Take Me to Higher Ground" Strommen

**Old Testament Lesson:** 2 Kings: 1-15

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts and debtors)

**Choral Response**

**Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory:** "Pié Jesu" Lloyd Webber

**\*Doxology:** (tune) R. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Dedication of Gifts**

**\*Hymn of Dedication:** "She Is the Spirit" R. 255

**New Testament Lessons:** Acts 1: 1-11

**Sermon:** "Christian Perseverance"  
 Reverend Richard Gay

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" R. 233

**\*Taking the Light into the World**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Postlude:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Reimer

(R=Red Hymnal)

**\*Congregation is invited to stand**

**Please join us for conversation downstairs.**

*Flowers were given by Kathleen Bailey*

*In honor of my family*

Welcome to First Congregational Church. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. We hope that you will find something of substance to take home with you and that you will meet new people who will become friends.



Everyone is invited to sign the green visitor cards, which are located in the pews. If you are a visitor or new to our community and would like to receive our newsletter and other church information, please check any appropriate boxes and include your contact information (address, email address, phone number).

We invite each of you to join us downstairs for the Fellowship Hour following the service. Stop in and greet the people you know and meet those you don't.

Nursery service is available downstairs for children 3 and under. If you choose to bring your children to the service and they become restless, the Board Room is equipped with speakers, and you are welcome to take them there.

**Attention All Sunday School Participants**

You will have no Children's Moment as part of the worship service upstairs today. All children and teens should come downstairs when the service begins for a pancake breakfast cooked by the Sunday School teachers.

## Coming Up

*Sunday, May 20*

*Guest Minister:*

*Rev. Richard Gay*

**9:30 Choir**

**10:30 Worship Service/  
 Sunday School Pancake  
 Breakfast downstairs**

**11:30 Fellowship**

**11:45 CAWS Board  
 FCC Church Council**

*Wednesday, May 23*

**5:30 Handbells**

**No Chancel Choir rehearsal**

*Sunday, May 27*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Speaker: Verona Gentry*

**No Chancel Choir**

**10:30 Worship/ No Sunday School**

**11:30 Fellowship Hour**

## Looking Ahead

**Sat. 6/2 Spring Church Clean-Up Day**

**Sun. 6/3 Music Appreciation Sunday**

11:45 Picnic (Hosts: Deacons)

11:45 Christian Education Board

**Wed. 6/6 10:00 am Build Habitat**

workers' lunches (FCC kitchen)

**Sun. 6/10 Communion Sunday**

11:45 CAWS Board

**Tues. 6/12 5:30 Trustees Board**

**Sun. 6/17 Father's Day**

**Sat. 6/23 Habitat team arrives.** They're staying in our downstairs until July 8.

**Sun. 6/24 FCC Church Council**

**Our Lord has written the promises of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in Springtime.**

-Martin Luther

## PEOPLE OF FCC

### Ministers

#### Senior Minister

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Peggy McBride, Choir Director  
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#### Christian Education

For May 2012  
Kathleen Bailey, Children  
Marcie Errico, Youth  
Randy Tomson, Teens

#### Nursery Attendant

George White

### Serving Today

*Deacon:* Cathy White  
*Liturgist:* Cathy White  
*Fellowship:* Gordon Shortman  
*Greeting:* Irene Stewart  
*Lay Reader:* Carolyn Rinehart  
*Usher:* Dennis Stauffer

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### All-Church Clean-Up Day June 2nd

In Anchorage, most people believe we have two seasons – winter and road repair. However, we here at First Congregational Church have a third, which we call “Meeting Old and New Friends,” or “Summer.” Since this is the time when our church home needs to be especially welcoming for visitors, we put a most important date on our calendar every year.

Please join the merry band on **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, as we dust, sweep, rake, and do everything possible to make inside and outside clean and shining.

The Trustees are aware that some of you have your favorite tasks on clean-up days, so you just have to let a member of the Board know. If possible, bringing any special tools or supplies you'll need would be helpful, too.



### Tending our Flower Beds

Our wonderful leader in the flowered hat, Irene Stewart, has retired from the “head gardener” position after many, many years. Carolyn Rinehart has volunteered to organize the planting and tending volunteers for this summer.

You can sign up on the “Flower Beds” sheets in the white Volunteer notebook for your week to weed, water, and feed the plants. We also have some tasks that must be taken care of immediately, such as getting the bed by the front door ready for the roofing workers. To help with these special tasks, please contact Carolyn right away.

### Summer Music

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day for both the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir until Fall. As you know, our services during the summer often include musical offerings from members of the congregation or perhaps from guests (remember our banjo player, Norm?). Now is the time to be thinking about sharing a solo or forming a group of singers/instrumentalists. When you have this information and a date in mind, sign up in the “Musical Offerings” section of the white Volunteer notebook. Be sure to talk with our organist, Caroline Valentine, if you're going to need an accompanist.

### A Reminder: We Support F.I.S.H.

Please put canned fruit, soup, or packages of powdered milk in your shopping cart next time you're at the store and bring them to the plastic bins in the Narthex.

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May 20, 2012



Learning to Live...

With passion, meaning,  
and dignity in the  
presence of God's Love

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