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# First Congregational Church

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09 August 2020



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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*Enter with a spirit of preparation as we gather ourselves for worship*

**Prelude:** "Adagio from Oboe Concerto in D" Albinoni

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship: (unison)**

**We turn our hearts to God to know God's peace.**

**We turn our minds to God to know God's wisdom.**

**We turn our lives to God to live into righteousness.**

**For the love of God is written in our hearts, and we pursue the way God has intended for us. Come, worship God.**

**Musical Offering**

**Children's Moment**

**Invitation to Giving**

**Dedication of Gifts: (unison)**

**God of increase and bounty, Source of all good things: we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us. May this act of giving bring about change: change in our lives, change in the lives we touch, change in systems that harm.**

**Prayers of the People**

Silent Prayer

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Hymn:** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" **No. 475, Pg. 5**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.* <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: *Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?"* (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> or *"Who will go down into the region below?"* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* (that is, the message of faith that we preach). <sup>9</sup> Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.* <sup>12</sup> There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> *All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.*

<sup>14</sup> So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

**Sermon:** "Decoding Shame"  
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

**Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **No. 517, Pg. 6**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Presto from Sonata in c" Pescetti

# The Church of Christ in Every Age

1. The church of Christ in every age, be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

1. change but Spir - it led, must claim and test its  
 2. of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 3. church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 4. fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 5. be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

1. her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 2. bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.  
 3. sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 4. share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 5. out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1969  
 MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738

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## 517 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in - to ev - ery trou-bled breast;
3. Come, al-might - y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot-less let us be,



fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find thy prom-ised rest;  
 sud-den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem-ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per-fect - ly re-stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;  
 take a - way our love of sin-ning; al - pha and o - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be - gin-ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



# Sunday Worship – Online!

## Joining FCC worship service by video:

-Click this link, or type it into your browser: <https://zoom.us/j/714054878>

-Password: 9072728363

### •Desktop/laptop:

- \* If you are using a computer or laptop, you may be prompted to open the Zoom app. If you do not have it already, press 'cancel' and there will be a link on the page that says something like 'join from your browser'. Mac users should download Zoom app or use Chrome browser.
- \* When joining the service you will be asked to enter a name for others to see.
- \* Select 'Join audio by computer' when prompted
- \* You may need to give permission to use your microphone and camera. You can mute and unmute your camera and microphone in the bottom left corner of your screen.

### •Mobile Device:

- \* If you are using a mobile device you will be prompted to download the app for Zoom. Download it now to make sure you are ready.
- \* When you join the service you will be asked to enter a name for others to see.
- \* You may need to give permission to use your microphone and camera. You can mute and unmute your camera and microphone in the bottom left corner of your screen.

## Join by Phone (audio only):

### •You can call into the service. The process goes like this:

- \* Call this number: (301) 715-8592
- \* Enter this meeting ID number: 714 054 878
- \* You do not need a participant ID number, press the # key when prompted.
- \* Password: 9072728363
- \* That's it! Your phone will be automatically muted when you enter in the meeting.
- \* You can mute and unmute your phone by pressing: \*6

# Stay Connected – Online!

## Classes and meetings:

Regular classes and meetings will still happen. They will be held remotely at the links below. All you need to do is click or enter the link and join the room. You may be prompted to allow use of your camera and/or microphone. All classes, meetings, and fellowship opportunities will be in the *Gathering Room* on Zoom.

- Gathering Room: <https://zoom.us/j/779177417>, Password: 9072728363
  - \* Lectio Divina (lectionary group)
    - ⇒ Tuesdays at 10:00am
  - \* Roots of Joy
    - ⇒ Tuesdays at 7:00pm
    - ⇒ Our current series is exploring anti-racism is/as the church
  - \* Afternoon Tea
    - ⇒ Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 pm.
    - ⇒ Informal gathering similar to a Sunday Fellowship Hour
  - \* Ministry Meetings
    - ⇒ Ministries will continue to meet online at their normal time
  - \* Deacon meetings
    - ⇒ As needed
  - \* Council
    - ⇒ May schedule additional meetings as needed
  - \* Chatting with friends
    - ⇒ Anytime that there are not other scheduled events
  - \* Any other scheduled meet-up that is not Sunday morning worship



# News from the Pews

☞ **Outreach Ministry Meeting**—Today, after worship

☞ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10:00am

☞ **Stewardship Ministry Meeting**—Tuesday, August 11th at 3:30pm

☞ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7:00pm

☞ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:00pm (at Caroline's)

☞ **Zoom Choir**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm

☞ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3:00pm

☞ **Weed Pick-Nik**—Saturday, August 15th at 1:00pm

**Save the Date! Weed Pick-Nik**— Mark your calendar for our first, annual “FCC Weed Pick-Nik” on Saturday, Aug. 15, 1:00 pm. We’re gathering outside (six feet apart, of course) to pick weeds, neaten up the various beds, and harvest from the Church’s edible landscape. Bring your own picnic lunch/plate/ utensils, your gardening gloves, and your mask. The Church will provide hand sanitizer if you need it. If you’re not comfortable standing up to eat, bring a chair, a small table or a blanket to spread on the lawn.



 **Roots of Joy**—  
A service that explores other ways to engage our faith and spirituality together. Our current series is exploring anti-racism.

**Afternoon Tea**— Fellowship Ministry is inviting you and your family to Afternoon Tea, every Wednesday and Friday at 3:00 pm, in the online Gathering room. It is an informal gathering like we have for an hour after Sunday’s worship service, so we have no set topic or purpose other than sharing and support.



## Did you know Helen Billington...

Helen Billington proved that not all of the settlers were “Saints” or saints. Her husband was executed in 1630 for the first murder in the colony. Then she married Gregory Armstrong. She had various controversies in court and with her son and others. In 1636 she was accused of slander, fined five pounds and “to sit in the stocks and be publicly wipt.”

Her grandchildren were “bound out for service” when their parents were convicted of trying to entice the children away from their work and punished by sitting in the stocks. Later her son Francis became more stable in character and served on committees. Apparently, Helen Billington had many troubles and little sympathy in the Plymouth colony.

**...was a Congregationalist?**

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**Learn more about our Congregational History at [nacc.org](http://nacc.org)**

New Prayer Concerns

Jim Walton

Claudia Kniefel

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

	Brenda Post
Sally Burkholder , friend of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee	Don May, great grandfather of Reagan & Avery Binek
Daliso, son of Amana Mbise	Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike
Louise Smith	Ron Broome
Linda Sereyko & her mother, Joyce Johnson	Elisabeth Kachline
Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko	Cecilia, sister of Amana Mbise
Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen	Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko
Jeff Woodard; friend of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee	Peggy Jones; sister of Claudia Kniefel
Cathy White & her family	Bob Reupke; husband of Toni Reupke
Barbara May; great grandmother of Reagan & Avery Binek	Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright
Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum	Paul Chapin; cousin of Chris Walker
Joe’s daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee
Mary Anne’s mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Hans Roar Nilssen; father-in-law of Marilyn Lee’s daughter
Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins	Sunny Bird; friend of Chris Walker
Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein	Charlene Demshki; mother of Ginger Smith
Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber	Lillian Soth; granddaughter of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Bill Werth, brother of Vivian Pike	Rossana De Marzo, cousin of Miguel De Marzo
Nicholas Nelson, friend of Erin & Reagan Binek	Alan Johnson, brother of Linda Sereyko
Lena Ward	

For all the teachers, aides, staff, and volunteers who educate our children; for the first responders, those serving in the military, and those that serve our community in a variety of ways; for the peace-keepers and public servants; for those in our community who are in need and those struggling in different ways; for the people with whom we are in conflict, we pray.

# People of First Congregational Church

## Senior Minister

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## Music Ministry

**Caroline Valentine**

Organist and Director, Northern Lights Ringers

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## Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Erin Binek

Greeting:

Liturgist: Kathy Means

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Ann & Steve Hutchings to celebrate the birth of their new grandchild. Ann Arous Hutchings was born 28 May 2020 to Lusine & Nick Hutchings. She weighed 7lbs, 2oz and is healthy and growing well.

**Flowers provided by Evalyn's Floral**

## Connect—Get Involved—Share a Prayer Request

Fill out one of the connect cards located in the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

## Hearing-Assist System

Connect directly to a smart device with Bluetooth hearing aids or traditional headphones.

1. Download the AudioFetch app: 
2. Connect to Wi-Fi signal: FCCAK HEARING ASSIST
3. Make sure hearing aid is Bluetooth connected.
4. Open AudioFetch app and enjoy the sound!

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## Online Giving

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Thank you for your financial participation in the work of First Congregational Church!

# First Congregational Church of Anchorage

## August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 10:30am Worship  11:30am Outreach Mtg	10	11 10am Lectio Divina  11:30am Staff Meeting  3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	12 3pm Afternoon Tea  5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	13 5pm Handbell Choir (weather make-up)	14 3pm Afternoon Tea	15 9am Organist  1pm Weed Pick-Nik
16 <b>Communion</b> 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 12:15pm Council Mtg	17	18 10am Lectio Divina  11:30am Staff Meeting  7pm Roots of Joy	19 3pm Afternoon Tea  4pm Fellowship Mtg 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	20 5pm Handbell Choir (weather make-up)  6pm Worship Mtg	21 3pm Afternoon Tea	22 9am Organist
23 10:30am Worship & Sunday School	24	25 10am Lectio Divina  11:30am Staff Meeting  7pm Roots of Joy	26 3pm Afternoon Tea  5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	27 5pm Handbell Choir (weather make-up)	28 3pm Afternoon Tea  6pm Food & Fun	29 9am Organist
30 10:30am Worship & Sunday School  12:30pm PF Activity	31	1 10am Lectio Divina  11:30am Staff Meeting  7pm Roots of Joy	2 3pm Afternoon Tea  5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	3 5pm Handbell Choir (weather make-up)  6pm Investment Club (BR)	4 3pm Afternoon Tea	5 9am Organist

**Color Key—Black: Worship, Blue: FCC Activities, Purple: FCC Partnership Activities**