
First Congregational Church

23 August 2020



12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude: “Allegro” C. P. E. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 124 (unison)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
— let Israel now say—

if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,

then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;

the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

Mother God, with praise and thanks, vigor and sweat, care and hope, we bless these gifts in your love. In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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:

"Be Still My Soul"

No. 566, Pg. 5&6

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
17 Then Jesus replied, "Happy are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. 18 I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. 19 I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." 20 Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

Sermon: "Fluid Rock, Rocks That Move"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" **Pg. 7**

Benediction

Postlude: "1st movement Sonata III" C. P. E. Bach

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - fy as the past.
 when we shall dwell with God for - ev - er more,

Trust in your God, your sav - ior and your guide,
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855, alt.
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933

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Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a peace - ful end.
the voice that calmed them in this world be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Will You Come and Follow Me

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule - MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell
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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

☞ **Youth Zoom Gathering**—Today, after worship

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

☞ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7:00pm

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

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

☞ **Zoom Choir**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Books for Shungnak School— Shungnak School is a has a pre K-12 population of about 85 students, most of whom are Alaskan Native (Inupiat), located north of the Arctic Circle in the Northwest Arctic Borough. While most teachers have books in their classroom, there is no school or community-wide library.

During the 2018-2019 school year, Outreach sent over 2000 books for teachers to use in their classrooms and for students to take home. State testing showed major improvement in students' reading level. In the fall of the 2019-2020 school year, we sent over 1500 books. This allowed the school to host a Community Reading Event with parents and students reading to each other and taking books home. The books generated a lot of interest in the community.

Outreach is again sponsoring this activity to include magazines such as National Geographic, Field and Stream, or others of interest to children or adults. To donate books or magazines, please drop them off at church. Jim Walker will be at church Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Scott McClure will be at church on Monday and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Also we need large boxes for shipping the books so we'd welcome any donations of that type.



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 Jeremiah Evarts...

Jeremiah Evarts was a Christian missionary, reformer, and activist. A graduate of Yale, he was admitted to the Connecticut bar in 1806. In 1810, he moved to Boston to edit *The Panoplist*, a Congregationalist paper, later renamed *Missionary Herald* and published by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

In spite of chronic ill health, he traveled widely in the work of ABCFM and among its missions to the Cherokees, Chickasaws, and Choctaws. Jeremiah wrote under the pseudonym of 'William Penn' on the issue of fair treatment of Native Americans, combating the frontier mentality reflected in populist President Andrew Jackson's policy of displacing the tribes. Major periodicals often carried his essays which later were published in book form.

Here's a sample from a book of his collected essays, "*The present crisis in the condition of the American Indians*," published August 1, 1829.

"The character of our government, and of our country, may be deeply involved. Most certainly an indelible stigma will be fixed upon us, if, in the plenitude of our power, and in the pride of our superiority, we shall be guilty of manifest injustice to our weak and defenseless neighbors."

The campaign against the Indian Removal Act cost Jeremiah dearly through overwork and stress. He died of tuberculosis on May 10, 1831, in Charleston, South Carolina, and, "the Christian crusade against the removal of the Indians died with Evarts." Among his descendants was William M. Evarts, U.S. Secretary of State during the Hayes Administration (1877–1881).

...was a Congregationalist?

Celebrating 400 Years of American Congregationalism
[Learn more about our Congregational History at nacc.org](http://nacc.org)

New Prayer Concerns

Karen, friend of Caroline Valentine	Lynn Worth, sister Craig Valentine
Meredith Trombly, step-daughter of Marilyn Lee	Margaret Wolfe, and all students & educators

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Brenda Post	Claudia Kniefel
Don May, great grandfather of Reagan & Avery Binek	Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike
Daliso, son of Amana Mbise	Ron Broome
Louise Smith	Elisabeth Kachline
Linda Sereyko & her mother, Joyce Johnson	Cecilia, sister of Amana Mbise
Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko	Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko
Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen	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

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

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

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Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Erin Binek

Greeting:

Liturgist:

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Sue Hanas, in honor of her mother Linda's birthday on August 20th. Sue was born on her mother's birthday.

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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August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 10:30am Worship 11:30am Youth Gathering	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 contingency)	28 3pm Afternoon Tea	29 9am Organist
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6 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Outreach Mtg	7 Office Closed Labor Day 6pm Community Bell Choir	8 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	9 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	10 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency)	11 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm Family Game Night	12 9am Organist 10am Mapping Our 2021 Journey
13 Rally Sunday 10:30am Worship	14 6pm Community Bell Choir	15 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 7pm Roots of Joy	16 3pm Afternoon Tea 4pm Fellowship Mtg 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	17 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 6pm Worship Mtg	18 3pm Afternoon Tea	19 9am Organist

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