
First Congregational Church

06 September 2020



14th Sunday after Pentecost

2610 East Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99508

907.272.8363—www.fccak.org

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

Prelude: "Andante" Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation: (unison) Psalm 149:1, 3-5

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For the LORD takes pleasure in God's people;

God adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

Let them sing for joy on their couches.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

In your Creation, O God, we stand on the holiest of ground. May these gifts be a blessing to all that you have made. May the church, organizations and people that receive them act as your hands. May needs be seen and met, and may the giving fit the need. Through Christ, who models infinite giving. 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: "Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor"

Pg.5

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon: "Four O'clock in the Morning"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" **Pg. 6**

Benediction

Postlude: "Allegro" **Stanley**

Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

590

Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1994

Rom. 13:8-14

Unison

D F#m Am7 Em

1 Spir - it of Je - sus, if I love my neigh - bor,
 2 And if, when I have an - swered need with kind - ness,
 3 If I am hug - ging safe - ty or pos - ses - sions,

Gm D G A7

out of my knowl - edge, lei - sure, power or wealth,
 my neigh - bor ris - es, wak - ened from de - spair,
 un - curl my spir - it, as your love pre - vails,

D F#m Am7 GM7 F#7

o - pen my mind to un - der - stand the an - ger of
 o - pen my heart to hear the cry for jus - tice that
 to join my neigh - bors, work for lib - er - a - tion, and

Bm Em/G F#m7 Bm Em7 A7 D

help - less - ness that hates my power to help.
 strug - gles for the chang - es that I fear.
 find . . . my free - dom at the mark of nails.

Brian Wren gave this poem the subtitle "Pilgrimage of Confession" when it was first written, referring in part to the walk made by nine white South Africans in 1972 to draw other whites' attention to the injustice of migrant labor laws.

Tune: BENJAMIN 11.10.11.10.
 Jonathan McNair, 1994

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; alt.

1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
 2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
 3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;

the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
 See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
 To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly

their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.
 So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
 the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy was known in the United States as an eloquent preacher. He was a famed chaplain (Woodbine Willie) in World War I and later chaplain to the King of England. This hymn is part of a longer poem, "At a Harvest Festival."

Tune: MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Kentucky Harmony, 1816
 Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

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 Meeting**—Today, after service

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



☞ **Stewardship Meeting**—Tuesday, September 8th at 3:30 pm

☞ **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 3rd at 6pm

Planning Our 2021 Journey—It's time to build the 2021 church calendar! The planning will happen virtually on Zoom this year on Saturday, September 12, 2020 in the Gathering Room link. Each ministry will need to bring their plans so that the calendar can be built without conflicting dates. Of course, we don't know what 2021 will look like yet, but plans must be made and we will continue to be flexible!

Everyone is invited to come and help plan, you don't have to be on a ministry in order to attend! We hope that this sort of community commitment will encourage every person to add their talents to at least one activity or event, and that the work of this Church will truly be a collaborative effort by all, not just the dedication of a very few.

Books for Shungnak School— Shungnak School is a pre K-12 population of about 85 students, most of whom are Alaskan Native (Inupiat). 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. The books generated a lot of interest in the community, and they saw an increase in their state testing scores.

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 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 Reuben Gaylord...

Reuben Gaylord graduated from Yale University in 1834, where he delivered the graduating oration. He taught at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois, and studied theology under Dr. Edward Beecher, president of the college and son of Dr. Lyman Beecher. Reuben graduated from Yale Seminary in 1838.

The American Home Missionary Society sent him to work in Henry County, Iowa, where he preached at the Mt. Pleasant and Danville congregations. He also was a trustee of Iowa College, now known as Grinnell College. He moved to Omaha, Nebraska, with his family on Christmas Day 1855, where he started preaching in the Nebraska State House, the only place available. He organized Congregational churches across Nebraska, and was instrumental in starting the University of Nebraska.

Reuben was the recognized leader of the missionary pioneers in the Nebraska Territory, and has been called the "father of Congregationalism in Nebraska." Writing in memory of Gaylord in the early 1900s, another Nebraskan pioneer George L. Miller said, "It was Reuben Gaylord, the brave Christian soldier who brought Sunday into Omaha and the TransMissouri country."

He died in Fontanelle, Nebraska, in 1880. Among his descendants is his great-great-grandson, Robert Norton Noyce (1727–1990), "the mayor of Silicon Valley," who founded Fairchild Semiconductor in 1957 and who, in 1968, co-founded Intel.

...was a Congregationalist?

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

New Prayer Concerns

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Larry Jones, brother-in-law of Claudia Kniefel	Karen, friend of Caroline Valentine
Meredith Trombly, step-daughter of Marilyn Lee	All students & educators returning to school
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

Lynn Worth, sister Craig Valentine	Jim Walton
Bill Werth, brother of Vivian Pike	Rossana De Marzo, cousin of Miguel De Marzo

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 peacekeepers 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

Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

907.272.8363—jacobp@fccak.org

Music Ministry

Caroline Valentine

Organist and Director, Northern Lights Ringers

Lori Parker Wasko

Director, Chancel Choir

Contacts

Krystal Poindexter

Administrative Assistant

907.272.8363—office@fccak.org

Scott McClure

Church Sexton

Sandy Skaggs

Wedding Coordinator

907.223.7659

Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Sue Hanas

Greeting:

Liturgist:

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Marilyn Lee & Eric Johnson, in honor of their anniversary.


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!

Member—

National Association
Of Congregational
Christian Churches



www.facebook.com/fccak.org

Online Giving

In addition to cash or checks, First Congregational Church accepts donations and pledge payments securely online with a credit card. Scan the QR code or go to www.fccak.org/give



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

First Congregational Church of Anchorage

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Outreach Mtg	7 Office Closed Labor Day	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	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
20 Communion 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Council Mtg	21	22 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 7pm Roots of Joy	23 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	24 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency)	25 3pm Afternoon Tea	26 9am Organist
27 10:30am Worship 12:30pm PF Activity	28	29 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 7pm Roots of Joy	30 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6:30pm Choir (on Zoom)	Oct 1 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 6pm Investment Club (BR)	2	3 9am Organist

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