First Congregational Church

06 September 2020



14th Sunday after Pentecost



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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

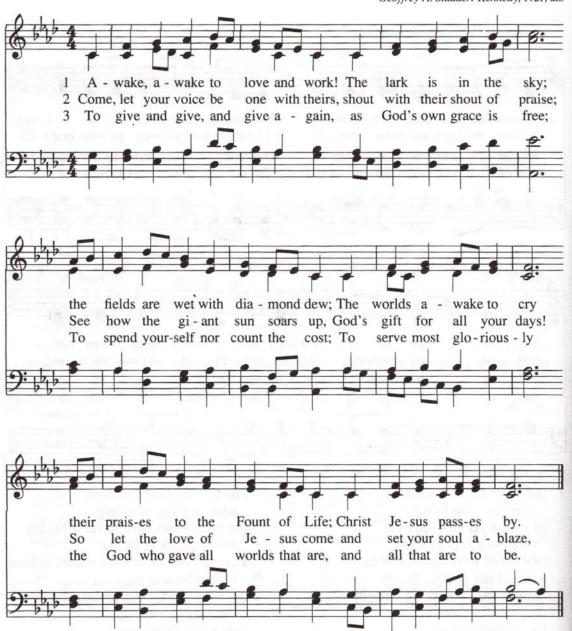
Postlude: "Allegro" Stanley



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Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; alt.



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/i/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/i/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

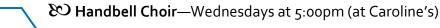
Example 2 Lectio Divina—Tuesdays at 10:00am

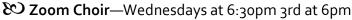


Stewardship Meeting—Tuesday, September 8th at 3:30 pm

Roots of Joy—Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Afternoon Tea—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3:00pm





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 class-rooms 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.

400 YEARS OF Faith AMERICAN FAITH CONGREGATIONALISM SINCE 1620

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, lowa, 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, cofounded Intel.

...was a Congregationalist?

Celebrating 400 Years of American Congregationalism Learn more about our Congregational History at naccc.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 Ma

Binek

Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam

Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee

Hans Roar Nilssen; father-in-law of Marilyn Lee's

Wright

daughter

Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum Paul Chapin; cousin of Chris Walker

Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry

Kachline

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

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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!

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

First Congregational Church of Anchorage

September 2020

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