
First Congregational Church

27 September 2020



17th Sunday after Pentecost



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

Prelude: "Prelude in Eb" J. Stuart Archer

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation: (unison) Psalm 78:1-4

ONE: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

ALL: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

ONE: things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

ALL: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

These gifts represent the best of ourselves, O God – we attest, with joy, that we can do no better.

Receive them with our prayers.

Take and use them for your goodness.

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: "There's a Spirit in the Air" No. 257, Pg. 5

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your
own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work
in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sermon: "Falling Empty Statues"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" No. 461 , Pg. 6

Benediction

Postlude: "Toccatina" George Anson

Cover Art Title— Head and Hands of Constantine, Capitoline Museum courtyard

Notes—"The statue these fragments came from was enormous. The head alone is six foot high from chin to forehead and weighs eight or nine imperial tons. It has been calculated that the statue must have been seated because if Constantine had been standing up his head would have gone through the roof even of this immense basilica (Basilica of Maxentius where it was originally located.)... The fragments are enough to form a general impression of the emperor, seated, wearing a chlamys but bare as to his upper part, carrying in his right hand some sort of rod, distributing his weight onto the arms of his chair...his head tilted back, staring with a concentrated intensity into heaven." [Papers presented at the 13th International Conference on Patristic Studies, 1999 -- Studia Patristica Vol. XXXIV, by M. F. Wiles and E. J. Yarnold. 2004, p. 179.]

The Basilica of Maxentius was begun in 308 by Maxentius, then the emperor of Rome. Constantine I defeated Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, also the site of his Christian conversion vision. After his victory, Constantine completed the Basilica, purposing it as a house of worship, complete with his colossal statue celebrating his role as the Christian Emperor of Rome.

There's a Spirit in the Air

Unison

1. There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians
 2. Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue, tell the world what
 3. When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry
 4. Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and
 5. When a stran - ger's not a - lone, where the home - less
 6. May the Spir - it fill our praise, guide our thoughts and
 7. There's a Spir - it in the air, call - ing peo - ple

1. ev - ery - where: "Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
 2. God has done: God in Christ has come to stay.
 3. child is fed, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
 4. set - ting right: God in Christ has come to stay.
 5. find a home, praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
 6. change our ways. God in Christ has come to stay.
 7. ev - ery - where: praise the love that Christ re - vealed,

1. liv - ing, work - ing, in our world."
 2. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 3. liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.
 4. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 5. liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.
 6. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 7. liv - ing, work - ing, in our world.

Small notes: organ only

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1969, rev. 1990
 MUSIC: John Wilson, 1969

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461 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.
 Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire-less striv-ing your a-bun-dant life to share.
 Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know, and live.

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

This Week at First Congregational Church

- ★ Lectio Divina—Tuesdays at 10 am
- ★ Roots of Joy—Tuesdays at 7 pm
- ★ Afternoon Tea—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3 pm
- ★ Handbell Choir—Wednesdays at 5pm, at Caroline's
- ★ Chancel Choir—Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, on Zoom
- ★ Investment Club—Thursday, October 1st at 6pm
- ★ Dancing Owls Meeting—Thursdays at 7:30pm

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. 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 & Friday at 3 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.



Save the Date! **Pumpkin Carving Contest**



Fellowship Ministry is sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest on **Friday, October 23rd at 5 pm**. More details will be announced later, but be sure to put in on your calendar !

New Prayer Concerns

	Betty Sopcak, friend of Caroline Valentine
Kirsten James, niece of Rogan & Susan Faith	Piero De Marzo, brother of Miguel De Marzo
Friends & family of Sam Corpora, friend of Lynn Barber	Friends and family of Shirley Follett

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Larry Jones, brother-in-law of Claudia Kniefel	Karen, friend of Caroline Valentine
Meredith Trombly, step-daughter of Marilyn Lee	Claudia Kniefel
Brenda Post	Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike
Don May, great grandfather of Reagan & Avery Binek	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 of 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

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Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Sue Hanas

Greeting:

Liturgist:

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Louise Smith, wishing the Poindexters' happiness in their new home.


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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September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30am Worship	28 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM)	29 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 7pm Roots of Joy	30 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM) 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	Oct 1 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 6pm Investment Club (BR) 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	2 3pm Afternoon Tea	3 9am Organist
4 Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Outreach Mtg	5 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM)	6 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 7pm Roots of Joy	7 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM) 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	8 4pm Fellowship Mtg 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 6pm Interfaith Council of Anchorage 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	9 3pm Afternoon Tea	10 9am Organist
11 10:30am Worship	12 Indigenous People's Day 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM)	13 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	14 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM) 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	15 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 6pm Worship Mtg 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	16 3pm Afternoon Tea	17 9am Organist
18 Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Council Mtg	19 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM)	20 10am Lectio Divina 11:30am Staff Meeting 7pm Roots of Joy	21 12pm Alaska Mask Makers (CM) 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	22 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	23 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Pumpkin Carving Contest	24 9am Organist

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