
First Congregational Church

04 October 2020



World Communion Sunday



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

Prelude: "Bread of Life" Bingham

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading:

ONE: Creator God, we are here, together in hope!

ALL: With community and creation

ONE: With neighbors near and far

ALL: With those known and new

ONE: With Christians across geography and across time,

ALL: Together in hope! Let us worship!

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

May our gifts become symbols of our intention to minister with God to satisfy the needs of those whom God loves.

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: "We Come as Guests Invited" **No. 386, Pg. 6**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Sermon: "God Left for Another Country"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

☞ **Service of Holy Communion** ☞
World Communion Sunday

*This community meal celebrating Communion at FCC is an open table.
All are welcome to share in this meal, no matter what your faith tradition may be.
No matter what has led you to this moment, young and old alike come to share.
May this moment be a time of grace and belonging.*

Invitation:

ONE: Remembering that most of us are gathered remotely...
...Bring your deliberations and your doubts.
Come as your whole self.

Communion Prayer:

ONE: May God be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

ONE: Gather in your hearts.

ALL: We gather together with God.

ONE: Let us give thanks to God among us.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

ONE: Creating God, we give thanks...

Words of Institution:

One: We remember ...

One: So now, Leading God, bless those gathered here, together with this bread and cup, through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us one household, the church, your servant people, that we may be the bread and cup shared for the salvation of the world.

All: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

Preparation of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

ALL: Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations" **No. 668, Pg. 7**

Benediction

Postlude: "Cwm Rhondda" **Hughes**

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken, the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975
 MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575

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1. For the heal- ing of the na- tions, God, we pray with one ac- cord;
 2. Lead us for- ward in - to free- dom; from de- spair your world re- lease,
 3. All that kills a - bun- dant liv- ing, let it from the earth be banned;
 4. You, Cre- a - tor God, have writ- ten your great name on hu- man- kind;

for a just and e - qual shar- ing of the things that earth af- fords;
 that, re- deemed from war and ha- tred, all may come and go in peace.
 pride of sta - tus, race, or school- ing, dog- mas that ob - scure your plan,
 for our grow- ing in your like- ness bring the life of Christ to mind,

to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our
 Show us how through care and good- ness fear will die and hope in -
 In our com- mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief
 that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may

word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
 crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
 span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
 find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1937

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Sunday Worship – Online!

Joining FCC worship service by video: <https://zoom.us/j/714054878>

-Meeting ID: 714 054 878

-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>,
 - Meeting ID: 779 177 417
 - 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

- ★ Outreach Meeting—Today, after worship
- ★ 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
- ★ Fellowship Meeting—Thursday, Oct. 8th at 4pm
- ★ Dancing Owls Meeting—Thursdays at 7:30pm

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!



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.



New Prayer Concerns

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Larry Jones, brother-in-law of Claudia Kniefel	Karen, friend of Caroline Valentine
Brenda Post	Claudia Kniefel
Don May, great grandfather of Reagan & Avery Binek	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
Cathy White & her family	Peggy Jones; sister of Claudia Kniefel
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
Bob Reupke; husband of Toni Reupke	Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee
Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein	Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber
Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins	Sunny Bird; friend of Chris Walker
Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Charlene Demshki; mother of Ginger Smith
Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Lillian Soth; granddaughter of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Lynn Worth, sister of Craig Valentine	Friends and family of Shirley Follett
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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: Kathy Means

Greeting:

Liturgist: Marilyn Lee

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Louise Smith, thanking Kate O'Dell for all she does for the church.

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.

Worship is currently
online only, via Zoom

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October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
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Color Key—Black: Worship, Blue: FCC Activities, Purple: FCC Partnership Activities