
First Congregational Church

01 November 2020



All Saints' Day



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

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Prelude: "Variations on *Sine Nomine*" Richard Proulx

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading: (unison)

ONE: Come all who are leaders in a turbulent time

ALL: Explore God's ways of justice, mercy, equity.

ONE: Come all who are leaders in a confusing time

ALL: Hear God's call to honesty, clarity, wisdom.

ONE: Come all who are leaders in a dangerous time

ALL: Trust God's ways of challenge, courage, presence.

ONE: Holy One, you have created us and placed us in community -
Complicated, fallible, searching. Open your words of life for us as
we gather to hear your Gospel, and sing your praises. Show us the
way to justice and peace that we may follow you joyfully into the
future you hope for our world.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our effort to meet every need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Honoring Our Saints

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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: "God, We Thank You for Our People"

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First Reading: Psalm 107: 1-9

¹ "Give thanks to the Lord because God is good,
because God's faithful love lasts forever!"

² That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say,
the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,

³ the ones God gathered from various countries,
from east and west, north and south.

⁴ Some of the redeemed had wandered into the desert, into the wasteland.

They couldn't find their way to a city or town.

⁵ They were hungry and thirsty;
their lives were slipping away.

⁶ So they cried out to the Lord in their distress,
and God delivered them from their desperate circumstances.

⁷ God led them straight to human habitation.

⁸ Let them thank the Lord for God's faithful love
and God's wondrous works for all people,

⁹ because God satisfied the one who was parched with thirst,
and God filled up the hungry with good things!

Second Reading: Psalm 107: 33-43

³³ God turns rivers into desert,
watery springs into thirsty ground,
³⁴ fruitful land into unproductive dirt,
when its inhabitants are wicked.

³⁵ But God can also turn the desert into watery pools,
thirsty ground into watery springs,
³⁶ where God settles the hungry.

They even build a city and live there!

³⁷ They plant fields and vineyards
and obtain a fruitful harvest.

³⁸ God blesses them, and they become many.
God won't even let their cattle diminish.

³⁹ But when they do diminish—
when they're brought down by oppression, trouble, and grief—

40 God pours contempt on their leaders,
making them wander aimlessly in the wastelands.
41 But God raises the needy from their suffering;
God makes their families as numerous as sheep!
42 Those who do right see it and celebrate,
but every wicked person shuts their mouth.
43 Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,
carefully considering the Lord's faithful love.

Sermon: "Our Troubles are God's Troubles"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "For All the Saints" **No. 637, Pg. 7**


Benediction

Postlude: "Benedicamus Domino" Christopher Uehlein

Honoring Our Saints

Edith Allison	Holly Eva Charland	Sam Corpora
Stephen Ewert	Randy Fleischer	Shirley Follett
Stephen Fry	Luis Gaitán	Debbie Jamieson
Karl Loth	Don May	Nicholas Nelson
John Poindexter	David Sandoval	David Sandoval Jr.
Anne Sharyon	Kathleen Sims	Frederick Hewitt Smith
Rodney Smith	Robert Spivey	Ann Trahan
Jim Walton	Lena Ward	


God, We Thank You for Our People




1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;
4 By your Spir - it of cre-a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
You trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
Wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

TEXT: Ruth Duck - MUSIC: William Moore
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For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: their
 3. O blest communion, communion with the saints!
 4. And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

1. thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 2. strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
 3. We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
 4. steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 5. gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

1. name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 2. thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 4. and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 5. singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: William W. How, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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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>

-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.
- * 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

- ☆ **Outreach Meeting**—Today, after worship
- ☆ **Life & Learning Meeting**—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 7pm on Zoom
- ☆ **"Soup" Group**—Thursdays at 10:00am
- ☆ **Investment Club**—Thursday, November 5th at 6pm
- ☆ **Dancing Owls Meeting**— Thursdays at 7:30pm

Fall Semi-Annual Meeting—November 15th, 2020 after the worship service. We must have a quorum to conduct business, so please plan to stay for the meeting or fill out a proxy form prior to the meeting. The Call to Meeting document from Moderator Lynn Barber was sent out via email, and copies are available on the Narthex table, as well as proxy forms. Proxy forms must be turned into the church office by Friday, November 13th, so that they can be recorded by Clerk Kate O'Dell prior to the meeting.



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.



New Prayer Concerns

Oliver Krein, friend of the church

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

David, friend of Caroline Valentine	Kirsten James, niece of Rogan & Susan Faith
Betty Sopcak, friend of Caroline Valentine	Piero De Marzo, brother of Miguel De Marzo
Larry Jones, brother-in-law of Claudia Kniefel	Claudia Kniefel
Brenda Post	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

Don May, great grandfather of Reagan & Avery Binek Sam Corpora, friend of Lynn Barber

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: Claudia Kniefel

Greeting:

Liturgist: Johnathan Jones

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Johnathan Jones, to all of those who volunteer.

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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November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time ends 10:30am Worship 11:30am Life & Learning Mtg 11:30am Outreach Mtg	2	3 Election Day (General Elections) 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	4 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	5 10am "Soup" Group 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 6pm Investment Club 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	6 3pm Afternoon Tea	7 9am Organist
8 10:30am Worship	9	10 10am Lectio Divina 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	11 Veterans Day 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	12 10am "Soup" Group 4pm Fellowship Mtg 5pm Handbell Choir (weather contingency) 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	13 3pm Afternoon Tea	14 9am Organist
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22 10:30am Worship	23	24 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	25 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (@ Caroline's) 6pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve (?) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday Native American Heritage Day 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm Family Game Night	28 9am Organist

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