
First Congregational Church

15 November 2020



Communion



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

Prelude: "Swedish Folk tune" John Ferguson

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading: from Psalm 123 (unison)

ONE: To you we lift our eyes,

ALL: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

ONE: Our eyes look to the LORD our God,

ALL: Until God responds and shows mercy upon us.

ONE: Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

ALL: For we have had more than enough of contempt

ONE: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn from those who live in ease.

ALL: But we boast in the watchful good work of the LORD.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

In Faithfulness and persistent hope, we share into the abundance of God. May the work of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the gifts we have received serve the working of God.

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:

"Take My Life"

No. 609, Pg. 7

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

¹⁶ "After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

¹⁹ "Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you

gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

²² "The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

²⁴ "Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? ²⁷ In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸ Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹ Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. ³⁰ Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.'

"People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

Sermon: "A Coin Has Two Faces"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

☞ Service of Holy Communion ☞

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: God in Christ calls us to this meal of growing imagination...

ONE: At this table we receive God's peace made food, God's solidarity with us made living and real. What we receive, we now share together.

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: Through the Spirit's imagining, we give thanks...

Words of Institution:

One: We remember ...

One: So now, renewing 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 serving people, that we may be the bread and cup shared for your hope for the world.

All: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

Gathering and Preparation of Elements at Home

You are invited to share in the bread and cup elements as you are ready. They may be bread and wine, cookies and milk, Chic-O-Sticks and Dr. Pepper, or beef jerky and water. This is a shared meal of grace and belonging.

We eat together the promise of fullness of life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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

Hymn: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" **No. 489, Pg. 8**

Benediction

Postlude: "Voluntary" **John Stanley**

(30 second snippet because of our meeting after church)

This full piece has fond memories for me, as Jeannine Jordan and her then husband-a trumpeter- played it in a concert here in Anchorage)

Take My Life

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1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crath-ed, Lord, to thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing; un-to God my praise I bring.
 4. Take my sil-ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
 5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no lon-ger mine.
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea-sure store.

1. Take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in
 2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-
 3. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sa-
 4. Take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as
 5. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy
 6. Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly,

1. cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
 2. ful for thee, swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
 3. ges from thee, filled with mes-sa-ges from thee.
 4. thou shalt choose, ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.
 5. roy-al throne, it shall be thy roy-al throne.
 6. all for thee, ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
 MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

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Unison

1. Bless now, O God, the jour-ney that all your peo-ple make,
 2. Bless so-journ-ers and pil-grims who share this wind-ing way,
 3. Di - vine E - ter-nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si-lence, the way of give and take.
 whose hope burns through the ter-rors, whose love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon-ey flow.

Harmony

The trail is found in des-ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho-ly free-dom while of-ten we are bound.
 But wait-ing not for plac-es, you meet us all a-round.

Unison

then leads be-side still wa-ters, the road where faith is found.
 To - geth-er we are seek-ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989
 MUSIC: Swedish folk tune; harm. Lahrae Knatterud, 1983

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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
- * “Soup” Group
 - ⇒ Thursdays at 10:00 am
- * 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

- ★ **Fall Semi-Annual 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 in the Sanctuary
- ★ **Zoom Choir**—Wednesdays at 7pm
- ★ **"Soup" Group**—Thursdays at 10:00am
- ★ **Worship Meeting**—Thursday, November 19th at 6:00pm
- ★ **Dancing Owls Meeting**—Thursdays at 7:30pm

All meetings and events are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted

Fall Semi-Annual Meeting— TODAY! November 15th 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.



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.



Interfaith Council of Anchorage Thanksgiving Eve Blessing—
On Wednesday November 25, 2020 at 7:00pm, all are invited to gather together on Zoom to enjoy this annual event. More details and the Zoom link will be provided in future updates.



"Soup" Group— It has started up again, virtually! A time to discuss crafting ideas for the upcoming holidays, to fellowship, and any other ideas the group chooses.

New Prayer Concerns

Richard Nelson, cousin of Sandy Skaggs

Elizabeth Amber; sister in law of Jenna & Nathan Amber

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Joyce Johnson, mother of Linda Sereyko

Kirsten James, niece of Rogan & Susan Faith

David, friend of Caroline Valentine

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

Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko

Elisabeth Kachline

Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen

Cecilia, sister of Amana Mbise

Cathy White & her family

Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko

Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum

Peggy Jones; sister of Claudia Kniefel

Barbara May; great grandmother of Reagan & Avery Binek

Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright

Bob Reupke; husband of Toni Reupke

Paul Chapin; cousin of Chris Walker

Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein

Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee

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

Oliver Krein, friend of many in the congregation

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.

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Deacon Serving: Claudia Kniefel

Greeting:

Liturgist: Kate O'Dell

Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Kate O'Dell, to express gratitude to Barb Ross and the piano music she shares with us all.

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
15 Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fall Semi-Annual Meeting	16	17 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	18 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (on Zoom) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	19 10am "Soup" Group 6pm Worship Mtg 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	20 3pm Afternoon Tea	21 9am Organist
22 10:30am Worship	23	24 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	25 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (on Zoom) 7pm Choir (on Zoom) 7pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday Native American Heritage Day 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm Family Game Night	28 9am Organist
29 First Sunday of Advent 10:30am Worship 11:30am Outreach Mtg	30	Dec 1 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	2 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (on Zoom) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	3 10am "Soup" Group 6:30pm Investment Club 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	4 3pm Afternoon Tea	5 9am Organist
6 Second Sunday of Advent 10:30am Worship	7	8 10am Lectio Divina 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	9 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir (on Zoom) 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	10 10am "Soup" Group 4pm Fellowship Mtg 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	11 3pm Afternoon Tea	12 9am Organist

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