
First Congregational Church

22 November 2020



Heritage Sunday



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

Prelude: "Sheep May Safely Graze" JS Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading: by Maren C. Tirabassi (**unison**)

ONE: Today we offer Thanksgiving for those other things.

ALL: For troubles that shape and sharpen our patients, for doubts that let faith moments shine, for confusions keep our lives from being rigid.

ONE: For sufferings that help us share another grief, for fears that mark real terror in the world, for pains that open our eyes to joy.

ALL: For sorrows that join our hands to help and for loneliness that leads us to the heart of God.

ONE: For all these gifts through which we become more human, we give thanks.

ALL: May our things embrace the daily small ingratitude of our lives.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

God of abundance, we give these offerings of material goods as our commitment to give back to you and to care for your people. Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us. Use our offerings of money and of our lives for ministry to your purposes. 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: "Let All Things Now Living" No. 717, Pg. 6 & 7

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

³⁴ "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. ³⁵ I was hungry and you gave

me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

⁴⁴ "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' ⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

Sermon: "In Another World of Winding Roots"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn:	“Hope of the World”	Pg. 8
Benediction		
Postlude:	“Prelude in c”	JS Bach

Let All Things Now Living

Descant

2. Ah, _____ O

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es, the

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah, _____

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stay - ed us, by guid - ing us on to the
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

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 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

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claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re-

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic-ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise.

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night: till
joic-ing with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise: till

Ah, to

shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished, as
all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing, to

God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

TEXT: Georgia Harkness - MUSIC: Geneva Psalter
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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

- ★ **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
- ★ **Zoom Choir**—Wednesdays at 7pm
- ★ **Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve**—Thursday, Nov. 25th at 7:00pm
- ★ **“Soup” Group**—Thursdays at 10:00am
- ★ **Dancing Owls Meeting**— Thursdays at 7:30pm

All meetings and events are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted

Interfaith Council of Anchorage Thanksgiving Eve—

On Wednesday November 25, 2020 at 7:00pm, all are invited to gather together on Zoom to enjoy this annual event. There will be a link sent out in the Daily Update to join for the event, as it will not be our church’s typical “Gathering Room” link.



2020 Christmas Pageant—Come one, come all. The Christmas Pageant is fast approaching, and we would like to get everyone in the church involved.


This year’s pageant will be performed like a radio-drama during our Zoom service. We will have images shown depicting the storyline, but all voice-actors will not be seen. There are about 30 characters in the play—probably enough for everyone that wants to be involved.

If you want to join in the fun, email Marcie at errico@gci.net and she will forward you a part and copy of the script. We will have a zoom run-through after church 12/6, with the pageant on 12/13 during the service. It should be a ball.



Roots of Joy—
A service that explores other ways to engage our faith and spirituality together. Our current series is exploring anti-racism.

“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.



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

	Mary Mitchell
Richard Nelson, cousin of Sandy Skaggs	Miguel De Marzo

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Joyce Johnson, mother of Linda Sereyko	Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber
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:

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Fellowship Hour:

Usher Team:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Abbie Willetto.

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Native American Heritage Day 3pm Afternoon Tea	28 9am Organist
29 First Sunday of Advent 10:30am Worship 11:30am Outreach Mtg	30	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
13 Third Sunday of Advent Youth Christmas Pageant 10:30am Worship 1pm Fellowship Cookie Swap	14	15 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	16 3pm Afternoon Tea 5pm Handbell Choir 7pm Choir (on Zoom)	17 10am "Soup" Group 6pm Worship Mtg 7:30pm Dancing Owls Planning Meeting	18 3pm Afternoon Tea	19 9am Organist

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