
First Congregational Church

04 April 2021



Easter



2610 East Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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

Prelude: "Concerto I" J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: "Partita on All Glory Laud and Honor" Michael Burkhardt
Caroline Valentine, organ & John Capo, trumpet

Responsive Reading: (from Acts 10:34-43)

ONE: God does not show partiality.

ALL: Whoever worships is acceptable.

ONE: This is the message of peace from Jesus, whom God anointed.

ALL: We are witnesses of what God has done.

ONE: We are witnesses of what happened to Jesus.

ALL: The living and the dead testify to the working of God.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" **No. 216, P. 5/6**

Children's Moment

Musical Offering: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Barbara Kinyon
Northern Lights Ringers

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And God will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of the people God will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; the One we have waited for,
so that we might be saved.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

God, you meet us in our celebrating and struggle, and raise us up so that all may come to know of your abiding love. We give these gifts as you have given them unto us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

Musical Offering: "Alleluia, He Lives!" Joel Raney
FCC Chancel Choir, Northern Lights Ringers, & John Capó on trumpet

Second Reading: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) ⁵Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. ⁶But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. ⁷Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Sermon: "Belonging Safe and Brave"
Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

Hymn: "Now the Green Blade Rises" **No. 230, P. 7**

Benediction

Postlude: "Fugue" J. S. Bach

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Descant

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, A - le - lu - ia!

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Fol - low - ing our Head, A - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

Al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Made like him, like him we rise,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Christ has op - ened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; desc. Charles H. Webb

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Now the Green Blade Rises

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Unison

1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2. In the grave they laid the love by ha - tred slain,
 3. Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that Je - sus would not wake a - gain,
 who that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, the ris - en Christ is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

WORDS: John M. C. Crum, 1928
 MUSIC: French carol

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News from the Pews

- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10am
 - ☆ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7pm
 - ☆ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays & Fridays at 3pm
 - ☆ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:15pm (at church)
 - ☆ **Choir**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm
 - ☆ **Soup Group**—Thursdays at 10am
 - ☆ **Fellowship Meeting**—Thursday, April 8th at 4:00pm
 - ☆ **Open & Affirming Class**—Fridays at 6pm
- **All meetings and events are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted**



Roots of Joy—
A service that
explores
other ways to
engage our faith and
spirituality together.

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

Spring Semi-Annual Meeting—**Sunday, April 18th, 2021** 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 is on the Narthex table, as well as proxy forms. We will plan to meet directly following the service in the same Zoom meeting room.

NACCC Annual Meeting— Everyone is invited to attend the Virtual Annual Meeting & Conference for our national association on Saturday, June 19 & Sunday, June 20. Registration is available at nacc.org, and it is required to attend but there is no fee.

Finding our Way in the Future:

'I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.' Psalm 32:8

Open and Affirming (ONA) - Fridays at 6:00pm in the Gathering Room. We are approaching our final few weeks of this class! Members of the congregation should be watching for an anonymous survey that will be sent out soon pertaining to the Welcome Covenant. It is important as many members as possible give their feedback when the email is sent.

- 4/09: Queer Theology
- 4/16: Q&A session + preview of proposed Welcome covenant.

Afternoon Tea— Every Wednesday & Friday at 3pm. This is an informal group that gathers to fellowship online while we cannot meet in person. The conversation wanders in various directions, come and see what's happening!

April Aires—A (virtual) program of prerecorded music and spoken submissions, arts and crafts display, and digital photos showing the beauty around us .

When:

Sunday, Apr 25 at 2pm

What:

A Joyous Celebration of Music and Creativity

FCC Contacts:

Caroline Valentine and
Lynn Barber



An afternoon of music and art
*Virtual
April Aires*
at First Congregational Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021
ART & MUSIC BEGINNING AT 2PM
ONLINE ONLY IN THE GATHERING ROOM ON ZOOM

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ANCHORAGE
2610 E. NORTHERN LIGHTS BLVD
ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

Admission is free
Donations will be taken for: *Advocates in Residence (AIR)*
For more information or to contribute to the program, contact
Caroline Valentine or Lynn Barber, or call the church office at 272-8363
This is a live Zoom event only – there will not be a recording to view later.

EMAIL: OFFICE@FCCAK.ORG

New Prayer Concerns

Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber

Bob Shumaker, friend of the Walker family

Friends & family of Loa Nelson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Irene Stewart

Don Renkle

George White

Carol Reed, friend of Claudia Kniefel

Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko

John Allen

Christina Pike, daughter of Vivian Pike

Bev Mervyn, aunt of Jim Walker

Bob Kniefel

Trenton Smith, son of Ken & Ginger Smith

Roger Meyer, brother of Cindi Crawford

Miguel De Marzo

Richard Nelson, cousin of Sandy Skaggs

Piero De Marzo, brother of Miguel De Marzo

Joyce Johnson, mother of Linda Sereyko

Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike

Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen

Ron Broome

Cathy White & her family

Elisabeth Kachline

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

Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko

Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright

Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline

Barbara May; great grandma of Reagan & Avery Binek

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

Charlene Demshki; mother of Ginger Smith

Lillian Soth; grandchild of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

James Lime, brother of John Lime

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

Senior Minister

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Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Claudia Kniefel &
Dave Barber

Liturgist:

Children's Moment: FCC Youth

This week's Communion Table flowers are shared by those that ordered azaleas and cyclamen for Easter.

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

- Meeting ID: 714 054 878
- Password: 9072728363

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First Congregational Church of Anchorage

April 2021

Outreach:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Easter Sunday 8:30am Easter Sunrise Service (lower parking lot) 10:30am Worship	5	6 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	7 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:15pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Choir	8 10am "Soup" Group 4pm Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm Investment Club	9 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm ONA Discussions & Class	10 9am Organist
11 10:30am Worship 11:30am Outreach Mtg	12	13 10am Lectio Divina 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	14 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:15pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Choir	15 10am "Soup" Group 6pm Worship Mtg	16 3pm Afternoon Tea 6pm ONA Discussions & Class	17 9am Organist
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