
First Congregational Church

11 April 2021



Second Sunday of Easter



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

Prelude: "Beautiful Saviour" David Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 133)

ONE: How good and how pleasant it is,

ALL: When kindred live in unity!

ONE: It is like precious oil upon the head running down upon the beard,

ALL: Running down upon Aaron's beard, upon the collar of his robes;

ONE: Like the dew of Mount Hermon, which runs down on the mountains of Zion.

ALL: For there the Lord bestows a blessing: life forever.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

First Reading: Acts 4:1-3, 23-31

¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them.

² They were incensed that the apostles were teaching the people and announcing that the resurrection of the dead was happening because of Jesus. ³ They seized Peter and John and put them in prison until the next day. (It was already evening.)

²³ After their release, Peter and John returned to the brothers and sisters and reported everything the chief priests and elders had said.

²⁴ They listened, then lifted their voices in unison to God, "Master, you are the one who created the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You are the one who spoke by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

*Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?*

²⁶ *The kings of the earth took their stand
and the rulers gathered together as one
against the Lord and against his Christ.*

²⁷ Indeed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with Gentiles and Israelites, did gather in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and plan had already determined would happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, take note of their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with complete confidence. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to bring healing and enable signs and wonders to be performed through the name of Jesus, your holy servant." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking God's word with confidence.

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

God, bless these tithes and offerings, that they may heal and make whole the lives of all your children. And bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace and justice in the house of your creation. 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:

"Community of Christ"

No. 655, P. 6

Second Reading: Acts 4:32-37

³² The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. ³³ The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. ³⁴ There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, ³⁵ and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

³⁶ Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, "one who encourages"), was a Levite from Cyprus. ³⁷ He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

Sermon:	"Lenses of Life" Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter	
Hymn:	"O for a World"	No. 683, P. 7
Benediction		
Postlude:	"Voluntary in C"	David Lasky

1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who makes the cross your own,
 2. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
 3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4. When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1985
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Leoni, 1780

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1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -
 2. O for a world where goods are shared and
 3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and
 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
 5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

1. spect each oth - er's ways, where love is lived and
 2. mis - er - y re - lieved, where truth is spo - ken,
 3. strug - gle with each choice that o - pens us to
 4. fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; out -
 5. glo - rious reign of peace, where time and tears will

1. all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 2. chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 3. u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 4. casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 5. be no more, and all but love will cease.

WORDS: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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News from the Pews

- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10am
- ☆ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7pm (No ROJ on 4/13)
- ☆ **Stewardship Meeting**—Tuesday, April 13 at 3:30pm
- ☆ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays at 3pm
- ☆ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:15pm (at church)
- ☆ **Choir**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- ☆ **Soup Group**—Thursdays at 10am
- ☆ **Worship Meeting**—Thursday, April 15th at 6:00pm
- ☆ **Open & Affirming Class**—Fridays at 6pm
- ☆ **Spring Semi-Annual Meeting**—Sunday, April 18th after the worship service.

All meetings and events are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted

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 naccc.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. **This week will be our final session**, be sure to bring any additional questions on Friday, April 16th.
•4/16: Q&A session + preview of proposed Welcome covenant.



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!

Afternoon Tea— Every Wednesday 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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Irene Stewart	Bob Shumaker, friend of the Walker family
George White	Don Renkle
Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko	Carol Reed, friend of Claudia Kniefel
Christina Pike, daughter of Vivian Pike	John Allen
Bob Kniefel	Bev Mervyn, aunt of Jim Walker
Roger Meyer, brother of Cindi Crawford	Trenton Smith, son of Ken & Ginger Smith
Richard Nelson, cousin of Sandy Skaggs	Miguel De Marzo
Joyce Johnson, mother of Linda Sereyko	Piero De Marzo, brother of Miguel De Marzo
Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen	Donna Werth, sister of Vivian Pike
Cathy White & her family	Ron Broome
Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum	Elisabeth Kachline
Mary Anne's mother; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Karen Wasko; mother of Paul Wasko
Joe's daughter; friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Margaret Webber; friend of Barbara Bowerman & Pam Wright
Bob Reupke; husband of Toni Reupke	Barbara May; great grandma of Reagan & Avery Binek
Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein	Paul Chapin; cousin of Chris Walker
Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins	Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee
Charlene Demshki; mother of Ginger Smith	Sunny Bird; friend of Chris Walker
	Lillian Soth; grandchild of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

Loa Nelson	James Lime, brother of John Lime
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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

Senior Minister

Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

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Organist and Director, Northern Lights Ringers

Lori Parker Wasko

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Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Claudia Kniefel &
Dave Barber

Liturgist:

Children's Moment:

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

- Meeting ID: 714 054 878
- Password: 9072728363

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Thank you for your financial participation in the work of First Congregational Church!

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Outreach:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 10:30am Worship 11:30am Outreach Mtg	12	13 10am Lectio Divina 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg	14 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:15pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Choir	15 10am "Soup" Group 6pm Worship Mtg	16 6pm ONA Discussions & Class	17 9am Organist
18 Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Spring Semi-Annual Meeting 12pm Council Mtg	19	20 10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	21 3pm Afternoon Tea 5:15pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Choir	22 10am "Soup" Group	23	24 9am Organist
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