
First Congregational Church

18 April 2021



Third Sunday of Easter
Communion



2610 East Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska 99508

907.272.8363—www.fccak.org

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

Prelude: "Allegro and Allegretto" Dennis R Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading:

ONE: The Good News is proclaimed to the world!

ALL: We are witnesses of these things.

ONE: Hope is Alive, in the acts of kindness we share with one another;

ALL: We are witnesses of these things.

ONE: Joy is palpable, in the celebration of the Risen Christ!

ALL: We are witnesses of these things.

ONE: Your sins are forgiven, and you have new life, now & always—

ALL: We are witnesses of these things.

Musical Offering

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b-49

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ³⁷ They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have."

⁴⁰ As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³ Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I'm sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power."

Invitation to Giving

Dedication of Gifts: (unison)

God of abundant love, we offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and resources as a sign of our love for you and the world. We give this part knowing that all that we have, all that blesses us, belongs to you. May this portion and all that we are and have express the regenerating love you show to us. 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: "Thine is the Glory" **No. 218, P. 6**

Sermon: "When the Curtain Pulls Back"
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. The elements can be represented by anything you wish to use—one element to eat and one element to drink. 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.

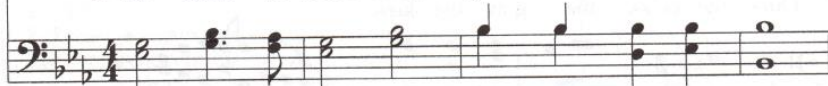
Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus" **No. 97, P. 7**

Benediction

Postlude: "Andante" **Dennis R Johnson**



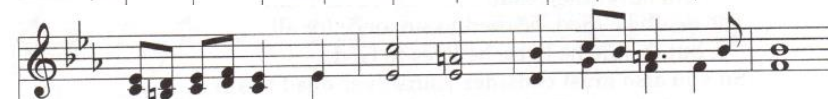
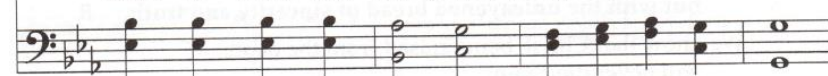
1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son,
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



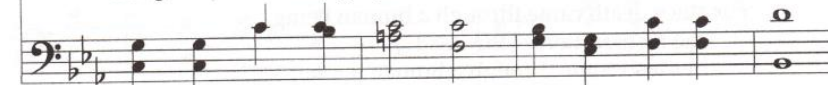
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
 Life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;



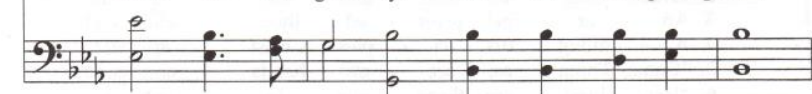
An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love.



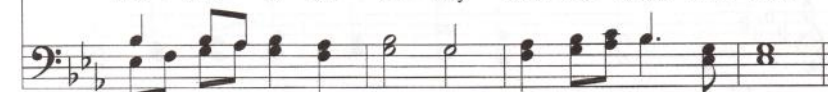
kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son,



end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.



MACCABEUS
 55.65.65.65 w. refrain

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1746

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry hosts: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

WORDS: *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; tr. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.
 MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

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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

News from the Pews

- ☆ **Spring Semi-Annual Meeting**—Today after worship
- ☆ **Council Meeting**—today, after Semi-annual meeting, if the Moderator calls for a meeting.
- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10am
- ☆ **Roots of Joy**—Tuesdays at 7pm
- ☆ **Afternoon Tea**—Wednesdays at 3pm
- ☆ **Handbell Choir**—Wednesdays at 5:15pm (at church)
- ☆ **Choir**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- ☆ **Soup Group**—Thursdays at 10am
- ☆ **Virtual April Aires**—Sunday, April 25th at 2pm

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!

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!

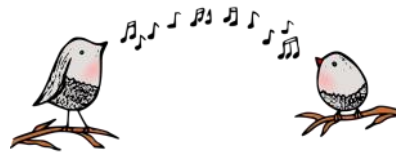
Spring Semi-Annual Meeting—Today! Sunday, April 18th, 2021 after the worship service. We must have a quorum to conduct business, so please plan to stay for the meeting directly following the service in the same Zoom meeting room, or fill out a proxy form prior to the meeting. The Annual Reports went out in an email on Friday, April 16th.

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 25th at 2pm

What: A Joyous Celebration of Music and Creativity

FCC Contacts: Caroline Valentine and Lynn Barber



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

New Prayer Concerns

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber	Bob Shumaker, friend of the Walker family
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

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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Sunday Volunteers

Deacon Serving: Claudia Kniefel &
Dave Barber

Liturgist: Kathy Means

Children's Moment:

This week's Communion Table flowers are given by the church family in appreciation of Lynn and Dave Barber's service. They will be missed.

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!

First Congregational Church of Anchorage

April 2021

Outreach:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Communion		10am Lectio Divina 7pm Roots of Joy	3pm Afternoon Tea 5:15pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Choir	10am "Soup" Group		9am Organist
10:30am Worship 11:30am Spring Semi-Annual Meeting 12pm Council Mtg						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day		10am Lectio Divina 3:30pm Stewardship Mtg 7pm Roots of Joy	3pm Afternoon Tea 5:15pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Choir	10am "Soup" Group 4pm Fellowship Mtg		9am Organist
10:30am Worship						