
First Congregational Church

03 October 2021



World Communion Sunday



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

Prelude: "Partita on *Le P'ing* (*Greet the Rising Sun*)" J Wayne Kerr
"Neno lake Mungu (*God Speaks*)" Anne Krenrz

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: "God Welcomes All"

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for the Introit "God Welcomes All". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the score, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Call to Worship

* **Hymn:** "Bring Many Names" **P. 8**

* **Responsive Reading:** (From Psalm 126)

ONE: When the LORD restores, it will be as if we are dreaming.

ALL: Then laughter and shouts of joy will proclaim, "The LORD has done great things."

ONE: Restore our future, O LORD, like rivers in a dry desert.

ALL: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

² **ONE:** Those who go out weeping and bearing the seed for sowing

ALL: Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying bountiful blessings.

First Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore, I say to you, don’t worry about your life, what you’ll eat or what you’ll drink, or about your body, what you’ll wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? ²⁷ Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. ²⁹ But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, won’t God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? ³¹ Therefore, don’t worry and say, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ ³² Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ Instead, desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Musical Offering: “Come Just as You Are”
Northern Lights Ringers

Joseph Sabolick
arr. Bill Ingram

Children’s Moment

Invitation to Giving

Offertory: “Zpivejmež Všicki Vesele (Make Songs of Joy)” Mark Sedio

* **Doxology: (tune) No. 47**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

* **Dedication of Gifts: (unison)**

Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need.

* **Hymn:** “Lord of All Hopefulness”

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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.

Prayer Response

Second Reading: James 4:13-5:6, 12

¹³ Here is the answer for those of you who talk like this: “Today or tomorrow, we are off to this or that town; we are going to spend a year there, trading, and make some money.” ¹⁴ You never know what will happen tomorrow: you are no more than a mist that is here for a little while and then disappears. ¹⁵ The most you should ever say is:

“If it is the Lord’s will, we shall still be alive to do this or that.” ¹⁶ But how proud and sure of yourselves you are now! Pride of this kind is always wicked. ¹⁷ Everyone who knows what is the right thing to do and doesn’t do it commits a sin.

¹ Now an answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. ² Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. ³ All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. ⁴ Laborers mowed your fields, and you cheated them—listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realize that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. ⁶ It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

¹² Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear by heaven or by the earth, or use any oaths at all. If you mean “yes,” you must say “yes”; if you mean “no,” say “no.” Otherwise you make yourselves liable to judgement.

Sermon:

“Keep it 100”

Rev. Jacob L. Poindexter

✠ **Service of Holy Communion** ✠

World Communion Sunday

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: Remembering that many of us are gathered remotely...

ONE: Bring your deliberations and your doubts. Come as your whole self, preparing for the gift of Christ.

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: Creating God, we give thanks...

Words of Institution:

One: We remember ...

One: So now, Leading 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 servant people, that we may be the bread and cup shared for the salvation of the world.

All: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

Preparation of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to take the bread, and when all have been served, we will eat together. There is gluten free bread available in the center bowl for those who cannot eat wheat. When the cup is passed, please take and drink as you are ready.

The red cups contain black currant juice. The clear cups contain water.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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

* Hymn: "Take This Moment, Sign, and Space"

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* Benediction

* Benediction Response: "Go Now In Peace"

Musical score for the Benediction Response "Go Now In Peace". The score is written in 2/2 time and consists of two systems. The first system includes a treble clef staff with a repeat sign and a circled 1 above it, and a bass clef staff. The lyrics "Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of" are written below the treble staff. The second system includes a treble clef staff with a circled 3 above it and a circled 2 above the final measure, and a bass clef staff. The lyrics "God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go." are written below the treble staff. The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the treble staff, and a fermata is placed over the final note.

Postlude: "Cantad al Señor (Oh Sing to the Lord)" J Wayne Kerr

For World Communion Sunday the music was chosen from Christian communities around the world. . . Prelude from China, Offertory from Slovakia and Postlude from Brazil

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Bring Many Names

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab A^b Fm B^b2 B^b7

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Eb/G Fm B^bsus B^b7

cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab A^b Fm B^b2 B^b7

ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

(D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus)(A) (D/F#) (Em)(A) (D)
 Eb Fm Eb B^b A^b Eb/G Fm B^bsus B^b Eb/G Fm B^b Eb

Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na,

great, liv - ing God!

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be
2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be
4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your
3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: 10 11 11 12; 'Lord of all hopefulness', words by Jan Struther, 1901–1953; fr. Enlarged Songs of Praise, 1931.
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Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. The Church Hymnary, 1927.

Take This Moment



1. Take this mo - ment, sign, and space; Take my
 2. Take the time to call my name, Take the
 3. Take the tired - ness of my days, Take my
 4. Take the lit - tle child in me, Scared of
 5. Take my tal - ents, take my skills, Take what's



friends a - round; Here a - mong us
 time to mend Who I am and
 past re - gret, Let - ting your for -
 grow - ing old; Help him/her here to
 yet to be; Let my life be



make the place Where your love is found.
 what I've been, All I've failed to tend.
 give - ness touch All I can't for - get.
 find his/her worth Made in Christ's own mold.
 yours, and yet, Let it still be me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
 Tune: TAKE THIS MOMENT, 7 5 7 5; John L. Bell, b.1949
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Notes & Doodles

Creating Our Indigenous Land Acknowledgement



First Congregational Church will begin working on a statement acknowledging the indigenous land on which we live, work, play, and worship on **Tuesday, October 5, 2021**. We will meet in the FCC

Gathering Room (Zoom) at **7:00 pm** for the first of our two focus groups. At this one, we will reflect together on why we need a statement, the recommended guidelines for creating one, and what our next steps will be.

Then, on **Tuesday, October 12th** back in the Gathering Room (Zoom) at **7:00 pm**, we'll share the results of our research and begin drafting the statement. The goal will be to have a final draft ready for a vote by the congregation at our November 21, 2021 Fall Semi-annual Congregational Meeting.

If you are interested in participating, please review the document from the Native Governance Center website found in the Daily Update. You are very welcome to contribute even if you aren't able to join in the Zoom room sessions. Just email the FCC Office, and Krystal will forward the information to me (Kate), so you'll be included on the contact list.

Those of us who participated in creating our Welcome Statement found that the frank, respectful, and illuminating discussions increased our sense of belonging – to each other, to our friends and neighbors, and to our community. I believe we will experience the same rich fellowship as we create our indigenous land acknowledgement statement. *–Kate O'Dell*

News from the Pews

- ☆ **Outreach Meeting**—Today after worship
- ☆ **Lectio Divina**—Tuesdays at 10am (Zoom)
- ☆ **Create Our Indigenous Land Acknowledgement**—Tuesday, Oct 5 at 7pm (Zoom)
- ☆ **Handbell Rehearsal**—Wednesdays at 5:15pm
- ☆ **Choir Rehearsal**—Wednesdays at 6:30pm (Zoom)
- ☆ **Investment Club**—Thursday, Oct 7 at 6:30pm (Zoom)

Lectio Divina— Translated as “divine reading, it is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer that focuses on the upcoming Sunday scripture readings.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement— Meeting in the Gathering Room (Zoom)

- * Tuesday, Oct 5th at 7pm: Reflect on why, think about how, and plan the next steps
- * Tuesday October 12th at 7pm: Share research and begin drafting a statement

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Different hearing devices do require different solutions at times. If you are struggling to hear during the service, talk to Rev. Jacob about meeting to find a solution that works for you.

New Prayer Concerns

Friends & Family of Tom Wood	Jarden Jones, brother of Cathy White
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Ongoing Prayer Concerns

	George White
Pastor Deanna, family friend of Caroline Valentine	Jeannie, family of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline
Mike Gallivan, friend of the Errico family	Sally & Tom, friends of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline
Tim Griffith , friend of Elisabeth & Harry Kachline	Elizabeth Amber; family of Jenna & Nathan Amber
Cathy White	Steve McKean
Irene Stewart	Stan Parker; brother of Lori Wasko
Christina Pike, daughter of Vivian Pike	Miguel De Marzo
John Allen	Piero De Marzo; brother of Miguel De Marzo
Alice Butler; mother of Jane vonBirgelen	Roger Meyer; brother of Cindi Crawford
Ron Broome	Elisabeth Kachline
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	Nicole Johnson; niece of Eric Johnson & Marilyn Lee
Jacob Kreuzenstein; grandson of Peggy Kreuzenstein	Family of Ian White; Director, Crow Creek Pipe & Drum
Wayne Pratt; brother of Sharon Higgins	Lillian Soth; grandchild of Jeanette & Fermen Dillon

Deaths

The grandmother of Mary Nnko, wife of Amana Mbise	The aunt of Mary Nnko, wife of Amana Mbise
Gene Richter, mother of Bruce Richter	The mother of Megan Arreola, friend of Chris Walker

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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This week's Communion Table flowers are given by Caroline Valentine, in celebration of all anniversaries, but especially the wedding anniversary of Caroline & Craig Valentine


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.

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24 10:30am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Fellowship: Pumpkin Carving Contest Judging & Potluck	25	26 10am Lectio Divina	27 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Choir	28	29	30 9am Organist