

April 25-May 2, 2021 at

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

Worshipping Sundays at 10:30 AM via Zoom



## Worship with Us This Sunday

[Click here](#) to worship with us this Sunday by Zoom at 10:30 AM as we continue our Eastertide theme "Love One Another." David Lindsey will offer a personal Call to Worship, Rev. Sam will share a Children's Moment, Laura Johnson will offer a meditative Centering Moment, and Jean Alexander will serve as our scripture reader with a focus text from Acts 4:5-12. We are delighted this week to welcome the Rev. Aubra Love as our guest preacher; her sermon is entitled, "What Happens After the Resurrection." Rev. Amanda will lead our prayer time, and we will be blessed by special music from John Horman on the organ. Following worship, join us for our Zoom coffee hour, a time of fellowship with one another.

At 11:40, we invite anyone who would like to join us for a training with Sasha Bruce Youthworks entitled, "Making Community with Our Neighbors" led by Pam Lieber, Program Manager of the Drop-In Center. This session is an important opportunity to learn about DC youth and young adults who are homeless or precariously housed, the work of Sasha Bruce, and our Monday evening collaboration with them. Participation will also qualify you to volunteer in the future, and we need new volunteers! [Click here](#) to join this training; all are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Janneke Ratcliffe at [Janneke1018@gmail.com](mailto:Janneke1018@gmail.com).

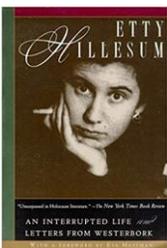


### Guest Preacher This Sunday: Rev. Aubra Love

Rev. Aubra Love is an ordained minister, ethicist, and compassionate organizer. Grounded in the liberating Word, she has served in many settings of the United Church of Christ, from the Southern Conference to the Southeast Conference to the Pacific Northwest Conference, over the past 25 years.

A graduate of Cornell University and Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Rev. Love began in parish ministry, founded a national educational ministry, and is now a sought-after preacher who beckons the emergent church with love and vibrancy.

Holding ministerial standing in the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Love currently worships and serves at Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia.



### Theology Book Group: Tuesday, May 25

The Theology Book Group will meet next on Tuesday, May 25, at 6:00 PM, to discuss Etty Hillesum, *An Interrupted Life*. This is the diary of a brilliant woman who grew in spiritual insight and intensity during the Nazi occupation of Holland during World War II. All are welcome. The Zoom link is <https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/2023655260>.

## Racial Justice Audit Nurture: May 2

Please plan to join Council, Commission leadership, and pastoral staff following worship on Sunday, May 2, for our next congregational conversation about our Racial Justice Audit. We will provide a brief update of where we are and where we're headed, and then break out into smaller groups to discuss ministry areas (such as Social Action & Awareness, Worship, and more) through the lens of racial justice. If you are not involved in a Commission, this will be one opportunity to connect with a ministry area that matters to you as Commissions begin their audit work.

## Sign Up to Serve as a Liturgist or Reader

[Click here](#) to sign up to serve as a liturgist or reader in worship for the spring and summer seasons of 2021. If Google docs don't work well for you, simply email Rev. Amanda at [ahendlervoss@gmail.com](mailto:ahendlervoss@gmail.com) a Sunday and she will sign you up as soon as she receives it.

We welcome members and friends, local and far flung, adults, youth, and children to participate. Your voice helps make us who we are, so please take a moment to sign up. Our worship is enriched by your participation.

### **Prayer List**

Rev. Sam and his family following the death of his godfather, Ross Collard

Prayers of comfort for Grace Bassler following Don's death.

Healing prayers for Diane Brenneman's daughter Sara following her diagnosis of breast cancer.

Healing prayers for Suzanne Snyder.

Byron Adams' niece, Valerie, undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Prayers of hope for our Racial Justice Audit yearlong process.

Prayers of joy and wisdom for our 2021 Confirmation cohort of youth and mentors.

Prayers for all those being vaccinated, for those making it possible, and for those awaiting their turn.

All those who mourn the loss of a beloved one.

Families struggling to eat and make ends meet.

Dwan Reece and Peter Parsons

Garnell Yarbrough, for continued healing

People's UCC, our sibling congregation

Emmanuel Okorie-Dunn and Ellen Bushmiller, who serve as nurses.

Rev. Laura Johnson and Rev. Diana Gomez de Molina, who serve as chaplains.

Pat Ashbrook

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, April 25

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:40 am Nurture/Training Drop-In Center
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Journey

### Monday, April 26

- 6:00 pm Monthly Small Group
- 8:00 pm Young Adult Group

### Wednesday, April 28

- 12:15 pm Break Away Meditation

### Thursday, April 29

- 7:30 pm Choir Zoom meeting

### Friday, April 30

- 2:00 pm Hand Chime Rehearsal

### Sunday, May 2

- 9:30 am Sunday School
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