

Community in the Wilderness
September 27, 2020
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2020

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

“Voluntary in Bb “
by Jonathan Battishill

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

HYMN

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

Contributors: Public Domain. Tune: John G. Nägeli Text: John Fawcett



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768–1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

Sharon Benton

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Common English Bible

Janet Malley

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

“Community in the Wilderness”

Sharon Benton

SONG

“Together We’re Strong”
from National Youth Event 2020
by Brian John Harwood & Dustin Bird

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Weasley

The Prayer of Jesus

*We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:
“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”*

Our Creator

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 and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Thuma Mina”

Contributors: Iona Community. Tune: Tr. from Dumazweni by Bell;

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Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina somandla. x2

Send me Jesus, send me Jesus, send me Jesus, send me Lord. x2

We're together, we're together, we're together, near and far. x2

Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina somandla. x2

BENEDICTION

David Weasley

POSTLUDE

“Gavotte in G”

by J.S. Bach

Judy Widrig

ROOM FOR YOUR REFLECTIONS



Autumn is a time for falling leaves –

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: We're not in the Sanctuary but we're still praying. Use the Contact form on our website, <https://fccb.net/contact-us/>, to send your requests.

FULL CIRCLE BLOG: Do you know about our blog? Visit <https://www.fccb.net/blog/> to see what you've been missing. And keep your eyes open next week for something completely different!

FULL CIRCLE FORUM: We've got a new place to check in, chat, and exchange information! Our Communication Board has been working hard to bring you the Full Circle Forum. Go to <https://fullcircleforum.net/phpbb/>, create your user name and password, then poke around to see what's there.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live. #BiggerBalcony

WAYS TO CONNECT: For more information about these and other groups and activities, contact office@fccb.net.

- **Tuesday**
 - Book Club, **First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am**
 - Bible Study for Everyone, **Tuesdays 9:00-10:00 am**. The reading for **September 29** is **Matthew 21:33-46**.
- **Wednesday**
 - Adult Forums, **6:30 pm**. September Topic: Authors In Our Congregation
 - Faith Formation for Children & Youth, 6:30 pm. *Six Vital Themes of Our Faith*
- **Thursday**
 - Pastor David Virtual Office Hours, **September 10, 12:00 noon-2:00 pm**.
 - Poetry Writing Group, **1:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Thursday**
 - Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - Coffee Hour, **2nd & 4th Fridays. 1:00 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - Create & Check In, **every other Saturday, 10:00 am**

To stay up to date, follow us on social media, subscribe to our Friday Email, or check in with our Full Circle Blog, <https://www.fccb.net/blog/>..

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

In the before time, our pastoral staff were available by appointment. In COVID-19 time, they are available for virtual meetings by appointment. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255

Sharon: sharon@fccb.net

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Sharry: sharry@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager
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and she'll pass your message on.

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