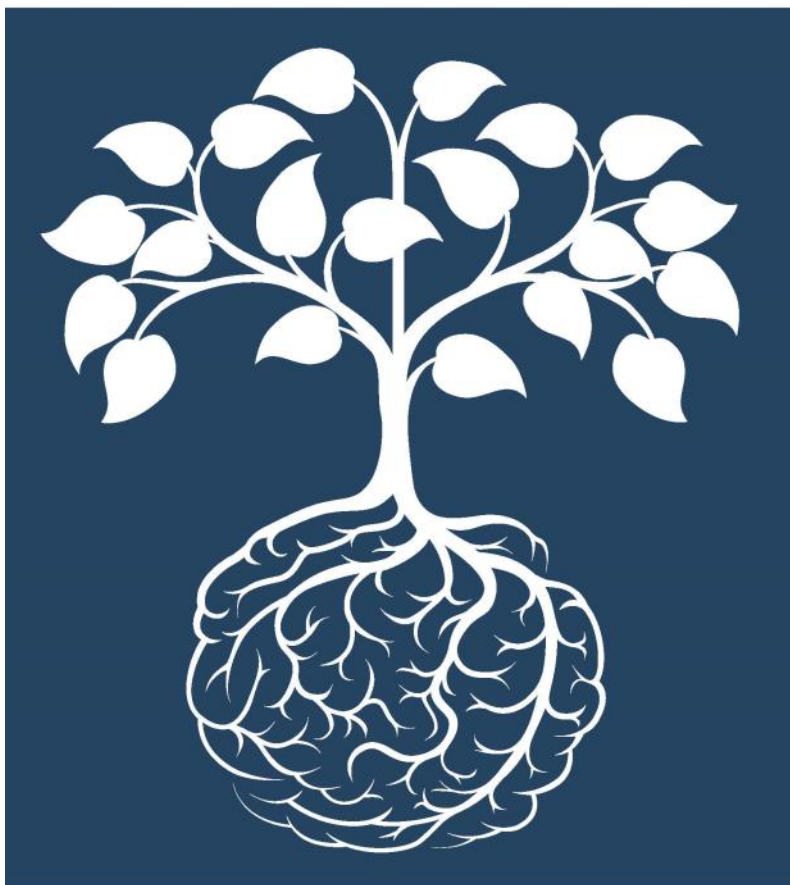


***Innovating Church, Sustaining Community:
Negotiating with Caesar
October 18, 2020
#BiggerBalcony***



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 2020 10:00 am
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Please sign in to Worship Connect to let us know you're here!
<http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect>

*We can hope that our national loyalties mirror Lincoln's comment
that we need to pray that we are on God's side, rather than God on our side.
God blesses every nation, not just our own.
~ Bruce Epperly*

PRELUDE

"Contradanse"
by Frédéric Chopin

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

WELCOME SONG

"Welcome Here" by Rachael Weasley



Sweet and ho - ly Friend, wel come here. All of who we are, wel come here!
Faith - ful lo - ving Guide, wel - come here. Wel - come he - ere!

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INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Gary Forster

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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.*

Janet Malley & Erin Jensen



O God, we bear the im - print of your face - the col - ors of our
 Where we are torn and pulled a - part by hate - be - cause our race, our
 O God, we share the im - age of the One - whose flesh and blood are



skin are your de - sign, and what we have of beau - ty in our race -
 skin is not the same, while we are judged un - e - qual by the state -
 ours, what - ev - er skin; in Christ's hu - man - i - ty we find our own -



- as man or wom - an, you a - lone de - fine, who stretched a liv - ing
 - and vic - tims made be - cause we own our name, hu - man - i - ty re -
 - and in your fam - i - ly our prop - er kin: Je - sus our broth - er



fab - ric on our frame - and gave to each a lan - guage and a name.
 duced to lit - tle worth, - dis - hon - ored is your liv - ing face on earth.
 we still cru - ci - fy; - love is the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

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A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22

Readers Theater

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.**

HYMN

"My Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (alt) Battle HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
who is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
and has loosed the fateful lightning of a terrible swift word;
God's truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.

God has been there in the watchfires of a hundred fearful nights
when the people in oppression gave their all to stand and fight;
powerful will do their best to make us think that might makes right;
God calls us to stand strong!

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in whose bosom that transfigures you and me;
as Christ taught to make us holy, let us act to make all free;
while God is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.

BENEDICTION

David Weasley

POSTLUDE

“Prelude No.1”
by George Gershwin

Judy Widrig

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.

CONNECT ON OUR WEBSITE: Our website has a lot of information and opportunities to connect. Go to <https://www.fccb.net/> and click on the **Connect** tab. There you'll find our Full Circle Blog, the Full Circle Forum, and the media page, with the video and audio of previous services. Find out what you may have been missing!

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 **October 25** is **Matthew 22:34-46**.
- PJs & Storytime, **6:30 pm**

• Wednesday

- Adult Forums, **6:30 pm**. October— Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*.
- Faith Formation for Children & Youth, 6:30 pm. *Six Vital Themes of Our Faith*

• Thursday

- 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

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David: david@fccb.net

Sharry: sharry@fccb.net

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at office@fccb.net and she'll pass your message on.

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