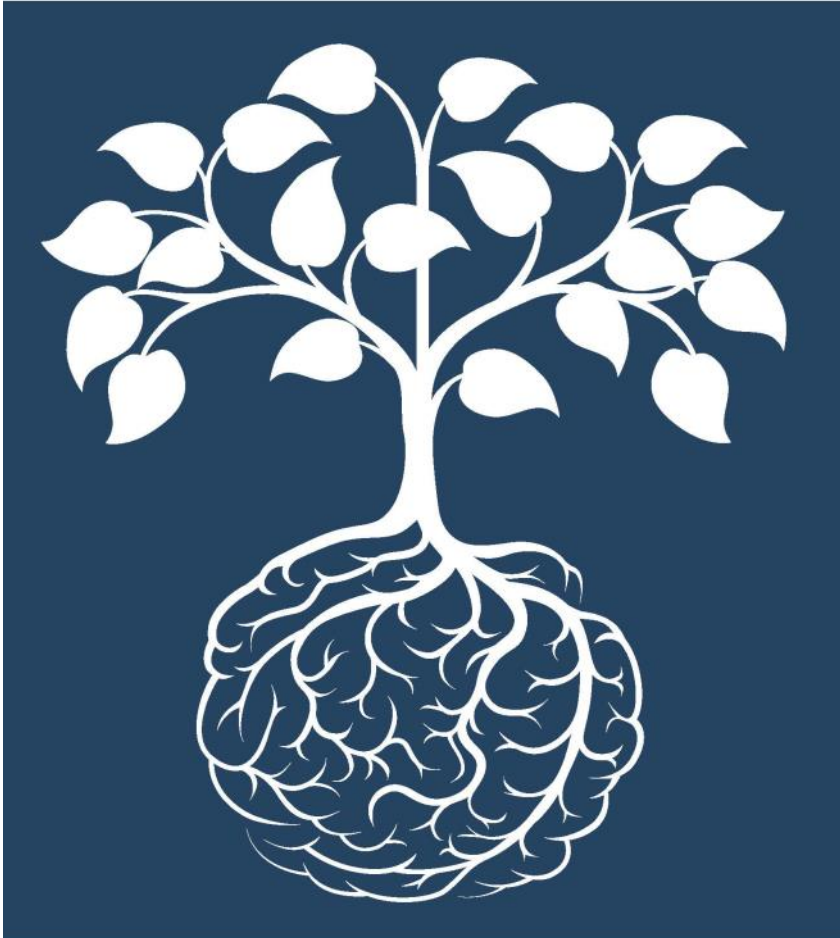


***Innovating Church, Sustaining Community***  
***October 25, 2020***  
***#BiggerBalcony***



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 25, 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>*

*A broken people have broken stories.*

*Broken binds us together – common is found in the broken.*

*Broken need not be hidden...*

*...because when we are open and broken the Spirit flows free.*

*It is a broken beauty.*

*~ Carrie Wiseheart*

**PRELUDE**

“Arabesque No.1”  
by Claude Debussy

Judy Widrig

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Benton

**WELCOME SONG**

“Welcome Here”  
by Rachael Weasley

Sweet and ho - ly Friend, welcome here. All of who we are, welcome here!

Faith - ful lo - ving Guide, wel - come here. Wel - come he - ere!

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**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Sharry Nyberg

## HYMN 565

## "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

## AUSTRIAN HYMN



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your  
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's  
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the  
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the  
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to



shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you  
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,  
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing  
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,



of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall  
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,  
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,  
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.  
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

**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.*

**A READING FROM OUR TEACHERS**

Henri Nouwen

Jen Green

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"Blackberry Blossom"

Unbroken Circle

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 22:34-40

Jen Green

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

Jen Green

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 562

## "Take My Gifts"

## Talavera Terrace



1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir-it sowed,  
 3 Take what-ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,  
 har - vest of your own com-pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,  
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,



now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,  
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla-vor of the Je - sus life,  
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!  
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.  
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

*Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.*

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.

*Colin Gibson, 1991*

Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

**BENEDICTION**

David Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”  
by J. S. Bach

Judy Widrig

*Stick around for Fellowship Time! Spend some time chatting with Sharon & David.*

## 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](mailto: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 **November 1** is **TBD**.
  - 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**
  - Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
  - Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
  - Coffee Hour, **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sharon@fccb.net)

David: [david@fccb.net](mailto:david@fccb.net)

Sharry: [sharry@fccb.net](mailto:sharry@fccb.net)

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at [office@fccb.net](mailto:office@fccb.net) and she'll pass your message on.

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