

**Poetry & Music Sunday**  
**November 22, 2020**  
**#BiggerBalcony**



“Sing psalms  
and hymns and  
spiritual  
songs with  
thankfulness  
in your  
hearts  
to God”  
Colossians 3:16

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

November 22, 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>*

**PRELUDE**

"We Gather Together"

Judy Widrig

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Benton

Musical Meditation

"Child of God"  
Traditional Spiritual

Brian Rapp

**A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 84  
New Revised Standard Version

Sharon Benton

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

Sharon Benton

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharry Nyberg

**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 THE POETS**

"A Soulful Prayer"

Randy Flowers

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"Over My Head"  
African American Spiritual

Chancel Choir

**A READING FROM THE POETS**      “Taking Stock, This Stay Home Day”      Linda Conroy

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**      “A Simple Beginning”      Tim Shepherd  
by Tim Shepherd

**A READING FROM THE POETS**      “Muck”      Victoria Doerper

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**      “Like a River in My Soul”      One Accord  
by Tim Osiek

**A READING FROM THE POETS**      from “COVID Walks”      Sarah Murphy-Kangas

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**      “Flute Sonata in B Minor, HWV 367b, Largo and Vivace”  
by G.F. Handel  
Leigh Hjelmseth

**A READING FROM THE POETS**      “I Can’t Find”      John Green

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**      One Great Hour of Sharing      Sharon Camblin

*There are several options for giving: 1) Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 2) Give at our website, <https://fccb.net/giving/>. 3) Use the GivePlus app. Download from your app store, set up an account, and give! 4) Give by text. Text a dollar amount to 208-516-2657, and set up your account. You’re ready for easy giving by text! 5) Give by PayPal. Our easy link is [PayPal.Me/fccbu](https://www.paypal.com/US/mefccbu).*

*If you have not yet returned your pledge form for 2021, please do so to help us continue to Innovate Church and Sustain Community! Thank you.*

## HYMN

## "Now Thank We All Our God"

## NUN DANKET



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Ma - ker now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er iov - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 To Christ and Spi - rit, too, our help in high - est heav - en,



who, from our par - ent's arms, has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God whom earth and heaven a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
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## BENEDICTION

Sharon Benton

## POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude BWV 741 "Ach Gott von Himmel sieh darein"

by J. S. Bach

Oscar Hayes-Fegley & Bryce Fegley

*Stay online for a few minutes to chat with the pastors and others.*



## 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).

- **Monday**
  - Poetry Writing Group: **1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm**
  - Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **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 29** is **Luke 1:5-25, 57-79**.
  - PJs & Storytime, **6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
  - Adult Forums, **6:30 pm**.
  - Faith Formation for Children & Youth, **6:30 pm**. *Six Vital Themes of Our Faith*
- **Thursday**
  - Morning Coffee Group: **1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am**
  - 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**
  - Mystery Book Club, **1st Friday, 1:00 pm**.
  - 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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*Office Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm*

**LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton**

**PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,**

**& MISSION: David Weasley**

**MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**

**Sharry Nyberg**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig**

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