

**God Calling**  
**January 24, 2021**  
**#BiggerBalcony**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

January 24, 2021

10:00 am

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*Please sign in to Worship Connect to let us know you're here!*

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**PRELUDE**

*“Intermezzo in E major”*  
by Johannes Brahms

Judy Widrig

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Benton

**WELCOME SONG**

**“God of Change & Glory”**

KATHERINE

Refrain

Lucy Bledig, vocals & piano

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Ma-ny gifts, one Spir-it, one love known in



ma-ny ways. In our dif-fer - ence is bless-ing, from di-ver-si - ty we praise One Giv-er,



one Lord, one Spir-it, one Word Known in ma-ny ways, hal-low-ing our days.



For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Cheryl Smith

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Kelly Lerigny

*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/mefccbu).*

## HYMN

## "You Walk Along Our Shoreline"

SALLEY GARDEN

by Sylvia Dunstan. Harmonization by *New Century Hymnal*.

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1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.  
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we seek your prom - ised reign;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me. And  
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth. We  
 We work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain. You



if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,  
 spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
 call on us to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



Then I will make you fish - ers, but of the hu - man soul."  
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
 To let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

*Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan credited an article by Michael Steinhauser in the March 1984 issue of Practice of Ministry in Canada entitled "Fishing: A Metaphor for Ministry" as the inspiration for her text. Dunstan was an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.*

Tune: SALLEY GARDENS 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Traditional Irish melody*  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 1:16-20

Kelly Lerigny

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

Kelly Lerigny

**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.**

**SERMON**

“God Calling

Sharon Benton,  
David Weasley,  
& Sharry Nyberg

## SONG

## "The Summons"

KELVINGROVE

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but  
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but  
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but  
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but



call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown,  
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare  
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found  
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you  
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you  
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my  
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**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.*

**BENEDICTION**

Sharon Benton

**POSTLUDE**

*"Voluntary in B Flat"*  
by John Stanley

Judy Widrig

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

**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)

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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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**LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton**

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**& MISSION: David Weasley**

**MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**

**Sharry Nyberg**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig**

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