

***Expecto Patronum***  
***Christ is Risen, In Other Words***  
***April 18, 2021***  
***#BiggerBalcony***



**first**  **congregational**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
timeless worship + modern faith

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

April 18, 2021

10:00 am

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*<http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect>*

*"You think the dead we loved truly ever leave us? You think that we don't recall them more clearly in times of great trouble?" ~ Albus Dumbledore*

**PRELUDE**

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 846"  
by J. S. Bach

Judy Widrig

**INTRODUCING OUR CHAPLAIN**

Stevi Hamill

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Davi Weasley & Sharon Benton

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sharon Benton & Davi Weasley

One Voice: We have been told, but we have not seen for ourselves.

**All Voices: Love lives again, in surprising ways.**

One Voice: We call out for hope, for justice, for courage.

**All Voices: Love lives again, in surprising ways.**

One Voice: We gather what little voices we have, and call out for healing.

**All Voices: Love lives again, in surprising ways.**

One Voice: We don't always have words for what we long for, but we hear rumors.

**All Voices: Love lives again, in surprising ways.**

One Voice: Deliver us from despair, O God- Christ is Risen!

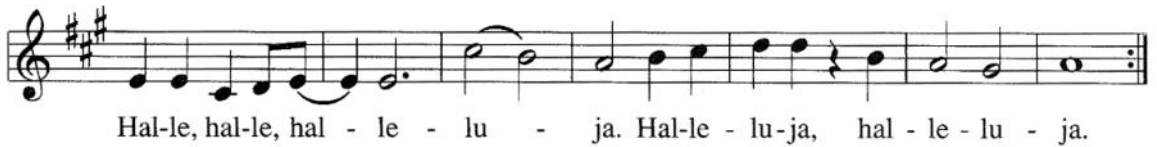
**All Voices: Love lives again, in surprising ways.**

One Voice: Teach us new words that resound like magic, stir in us our faith anew:

**All Voices: Love lives again, in surprising ways**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

"Halle, Halle, Halle"



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**A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATORS**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Cheryl Smith

## HYMN

## "In Solitude"

LAND OF REST



- 1 In sol - i - tude, in sol - i - tude, I come to God in prayer.
- 2 When-e'er the world is troub-ling me, and stress is all a - round,
- 3 In sea - sons of per - plex - i - ty, in times of deep de - spair,
- 4 And when my heart is bur - dened down with cares for those I love,
- 5 With psalms and hymns and songs of praise be - fore my God I'll come,



In si - lence and sim - plic - i - ty, my spir - it blos - soms there.  
 I seek the pres - ence of my God, and heal - ing light is found.  
 I light a can - dle in the night and turn to God in prayer.  
 too deep for words, with groans and sighs, de - scends the ho - ly dove.  
 till death it - self is past and gone, and I ar - rive at home.

*Ruth Duck has commented that "these words were inspired by a pentatonic melody which came to me as I taught myself to play the mandolin." They are an expression of her "deep-rooted southern spirituality."*

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Tune: LAND OF REST C.M.  
 Traditional United States melody  
 Harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*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/fccbucc](https://www.paypal.com/mefccbucc).*

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

"We Shall Be Known"  
 by Karisha Longaker

Whatcom Sings

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48  
 New Revised Standard Version

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SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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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

“Expecto Patronum: Christ is Risen, In Other Words”

Davi Weasley

HYMN

“I Want Jesus to Go With Me”

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL



1 I want Je - sus to go with me;  
2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;



I want Je - sus to go with me;  
In my tri - als, O com - fort me;  
When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;



All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
When my heart is al - most break - ing,  
When my head is bowed in sor - row,



O I want Je - sus to go with me.  
O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.  
O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

*Most spirituals were congregational songs, but such “sorrow songs” as this convey the image of a lone person singing prayerfully to God. The solemnity of this particular spiritual reminds us of the oppression and tragedy with which slavery afflicted so many lives.*

Tune: African-American spiritual 8.8.8.9.  
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland  
and Verolga Nix, 1981

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharon Benton

**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**

Davi Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

*"Sonata for Violin and Piano No.8 in G Major," Clara Kelly, Violin  
Op.30 No.3, Allegro assai" Judy Widrig, Piano  
by Ludwig van Beethoven*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Stitch & Share, May 16, noon-3:00 pm.** Join us for some sharing time and learn how to make a fabric collage. Visit <https://www.fccb.net/blog/stitch-and-share/> to learn more.

### 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**
  - ◆ PJs & Storytime **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
  - ◆ Adult Forums, **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**
  - ◆ Faith Formation for Children & Youth **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm**
- **Thursday**
  - ◆ Morning Coffee Group: **1st & 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am**
  - ◆ 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**
  - ◆ Prayer Series, **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
  - ◆ Create & Check In, **First of the month 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)

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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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**PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,**

**& MISSION: Davi Weasley**

**MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**

**Sharry Nyberg**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig**

**LIMITED TERM CHAPLAIN Stevi Hamill**

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