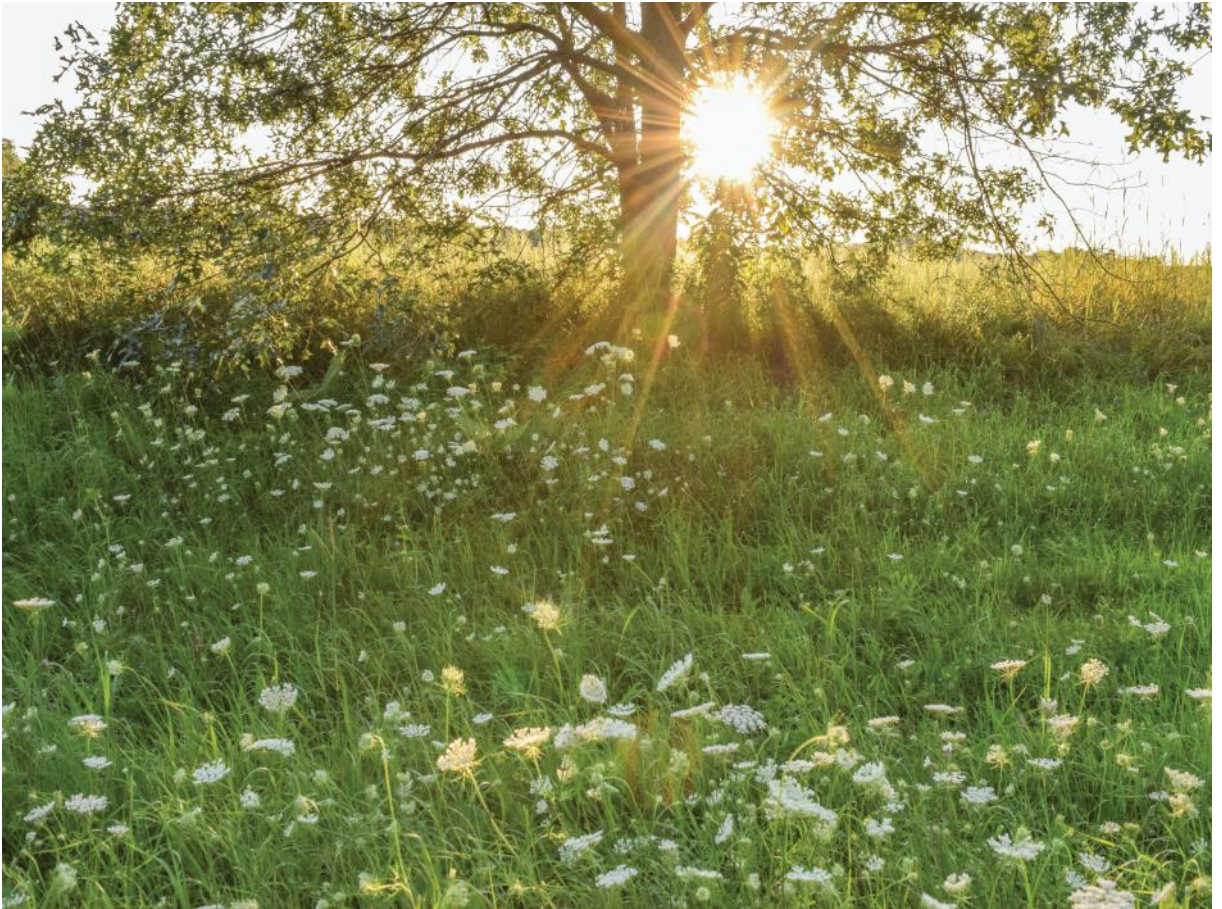


What's Growing?
June 13, 2021
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2021

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton & Davi Weasley

WELCOME MUSIC

"Windy God"
by Rachael Weasley

Jeanne Quinn

Windy God, take the fi - re of my tongue and let it
sing for you! Win - dy God, take the fi - re of my tongue and let it
sing for you! Win - dy God, take the fi - re of my tongue, Win - dy
God, take the fi - re of my tongue and Win - dy God, take the
fi - re of my tongue and let it sing for you! Win - dy

HYMN

"We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"

NEW BEGINNINGS



1 We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and in our faith we find
 2 Our ac - tions, more than words, de - fine how love's ex - am - ple feeds
 3 When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we find a touch that heals,
 4 Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for love en - dures all things,



the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind;
 a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est seeds;
 for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields;
 and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness brings;



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Mary Bryan Matney and Sally Ann Morris wrote this hymn in 1990 for the marriage of friends. In 1992, it won first prize in its category in a hymnwriting competition sponsored by the Charlotte, North Carolina, chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Tune: NEW BEGINNINGS 8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Sally Ann Morris, 1990

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

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/mec/fccb).

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*“Good Enough (My Hands Are)”
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SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24 & Mark 4: 30-32
New Revised Standard Version

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.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ST. CATHERINE



My hope is built on nothing less than Je - sus'
 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up -
 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
 When Christ shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



love and righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust this
 on un - chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and
 in the ris - ing flood; When all a - round my
 then in Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous -



earth - ly frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with + in the veil.
 soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting today after worship.

Join via the link in the Connection Calendar.

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.

- **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, **2nd & 4th 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

Davi: davi@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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& MISSION: Davi Weasley

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Sharry Nyberg

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

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ACCOUNTANT: Renée Relin

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