

Startled By A Friend
July 25, 2021
#BiggerBalcony



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

“Yesterday”
by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

Scout Mitchell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jordan Sandoval

One Voice: Strangers at the gate, enemies at our own hearth—

All Voices: Jesus says, “It is I, do not be afraid.”

One Voice: Our own wounded hearts, our own broken relationships—

All Voices: Jesus says, “It is I, do not be afraid.”

One Voice: What vision can you offer us God, what wisdom can you weave
into our hearts?

All Voices: Jesus says, “It is I, do not be afraid.”

One Voice: And yet we fear, and yet we doubt.

**All Voices: Thanks be to God that we may fear and doubt and wait
and learn together;**

One Voice: That we may tell each other:

All Voices: “It is I, do not be afraid.”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Shades of Blue” from *Sketches in Color*
by Robert Starer

Lucy Bledig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Davi 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.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Pink” from *Sketches in Color*
by Robert Starer

Lucy Bledig

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-21
New Revised Standard Version

Jordan Sandoval

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Jordan Sandoval

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

“And They were Terrified”

Davi Weasley

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Bright Orange” from Sketches in Color
by Robert Starer

Lucy Bledig

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jordan Sandoval

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).

BENEDICTION

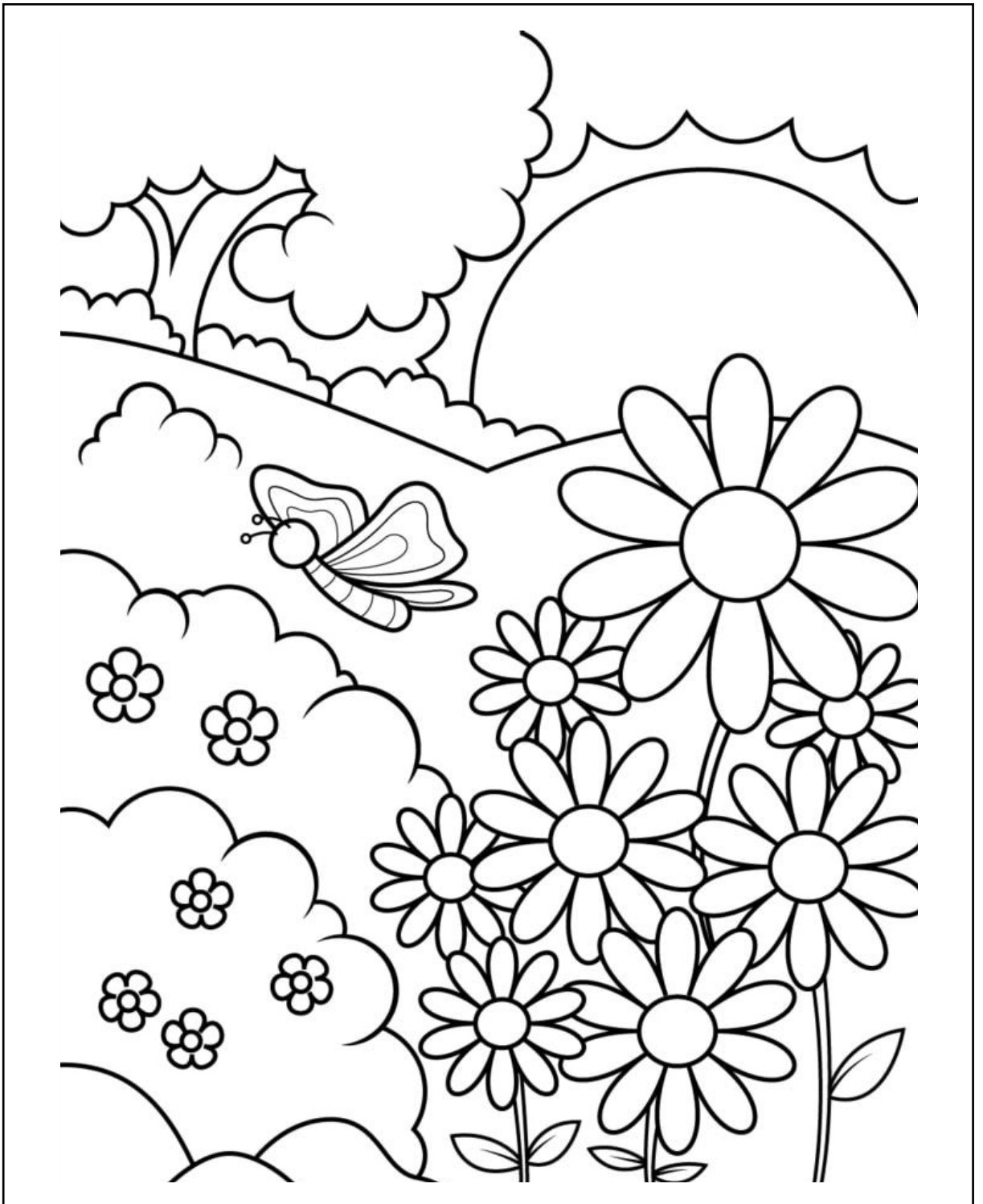
Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

“Let It Be”
by John Lennon & Paul McCartney

Scout Mitchell

Go to Worship Connect to let us know you're here!
<http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CONTACT: As Cydne has returned to the office, the office mobile phone is being retired and the office phone number, 360-734-3720, is the best contact number. Email, of course, is still a good option, office@fccb.net.

BACKYARD CONVERSATIONS: Sign up for a backyard conversation hosted by a member of your First Congregational Church family! See the July 21 Midweek Message or contact office@fccb.net for the signup link.

AUGUST CREATIVE CONNECTIONS: Next month Creative Connections will be August 14, 10:00 am live, outside, and in person at a prime location with a big deck and umbrellas for shade. Contact Amelia Bacon at 360-319-6111 for the address or check the Friday email.

DRIVE-BY PANTRY DRIVE: The Mission and Justice and Faith Formation boards invite you to participate in a **Saturday, August 21** pantry drive in support of the Birchwood Food Desert Fighters. Read more on our blog: <https://www.fccb.net/blog/birchwood-food-desert-fighters-pantry-drive/>.

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship in person or 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**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Prayer Series, **Fridays, 6:30 pm**
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ Creative Connections, **August 14, 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/>.

Head Usher: Janet Ott

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

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at office@fccb.net and she'll pass your message on.

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LEAD PASTOR: Sharon Benton

**PASTOR FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS,
& MISSION: Davi Weasley**

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

LIMITED TERM CHAPLAIN Stevi Hamill

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Lisa Harbine

ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

ACCOUNTANT: Erin Kennedy

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