

God's Welcome, Our Welcome
August 15, 2021



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

10:00 am

PRELUDE

“Minuet”
by G.F. Handel, arr. C. Paul Herfurth

Darlene Mathias, Cello
Judy Widrig, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amelia Bacon

One Voice: Welcome! Familiar faces and strangers,

All Voices: comfortable in our pews or feeling out of our niche.

One Voice: Welcome! Lovers-of-social time and seekers-of-solitude,

All Voices: introverts and extraverts and everything in between.

One Voice: Welcome! God invites us to be part of community that is
larger than ourselves.

**All Voices: The Divine’s welcome is broader and deeper than we can imagine.
We are welcome here, just as we are!**

PASSING THE PEACE

*Please remain in your seats and welcome the peace offered to you,
or type in the Facebook chat a message of peace to others.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jean Scribner & Nancy Fayram

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Judy Widrig

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Backyard Conversations

David Fayram

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Amelia Bacon

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).

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Andante”

Darlene Mathias, Cello

by C. W. von Gluck, arr. C. Paul Herfurth Judy Widrig, Piano

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:33-34

Amelia Bacon

Romans 15:5-7

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Amelia Bacon

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

Meditations on Welcome

Beth Hawthorne & Tena Hilton

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Judy Widrig

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.*

BENEDICTION

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

"March"

Darlene Mathias, Cello

by J. S. Bach, arr. C. Paul Herfurth

Judy Widrig, Piano

*If you're joining us in the #BiggerBalcony, go to Worship Connect to let us know you're here!
<http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect>*



Our “All Questions Considered” Sermon
is coming up on **August 29!**

*What have you been pondering? Pose a question for your pastors to consider:
theology, worship, Bible, meaning, church history, faith... Send your
submissions to office@fccb.net no later than **August 22.***



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORE BACKYARD CONVERSATIONS: We continue to hear positive things from participants! There are still three backyard sessions remaining and we have added a Zoom session **September 1, 6:30 pm** for those wanting the convenience and/or safety of an online conversation. Contact Cydne in the office for more information, office@fccb.net.

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/>. And watch your mail for a postcard you can take with you when you shop!

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/>.

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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

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& MISSION: Davi Weasley

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

WORSHIP MEDIA COORDINATOR:

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