

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
August 22, 2021



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

10:00 am

*There is geometry in the humming of the strings,
there is music in the spacing of the spheres.*

~ Pythagoras

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jen Sandoval

One Voice: What is worship without music? What is praise without song?

All Voices: Never doubt that we have a song in our hearts.

The music of the spheres stimulates our senses!

One Voice: Our heartbeats *lub-dub* within us
keeping rhythm with the Divine.

**All Voices: The Spirit animates our limbs
provoking us to sway and tap and "Amen!"**

One Voice: What is worship without music? What is praise without song?

All Voices: We open ourselves to the many ways God tunes us as instruments.

A READING FROM OUR CULTURE

from *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live*

by Don Saliers & Emily Saliers

...What is secular and what is sacred?...I have felt the intensity of sacred music not only in the hallowed halls of church but also in the smoky bars of Atlanta...One place smells of incense and candles, the other of cigarette smoke and beer. I can't say one experience is more deeply spiritual than the other.

Saturday night morphs into Sunday morning as I sit down with my father and we talk about how those two days and two ways are not really so separate. We speak of how music can deepen human life beyond measure and brings us closer to the truth of what it means to be human and to the transcendent power of love beyond our understanding. Music, we keep saying, is some kind of mysterious mediator between us and the God we seek.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

listen, meditate, breathe

Judy Widrig

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.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

rhythm

John Green

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.*

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Chronicles 5:11-14
Common English Bible

Jen Sandoval

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Jen 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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ted & Susan Huffman

SERMON

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

Sharon Benton

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

dance

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jen 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/merchot/?x=1&from=seller=&to=paypal.com).

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

choose your own adventure

Lucy Bledig

BENEDICTION

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

*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.***

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, 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, **1st Saturdays, 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: Rudy Cortez

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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