

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

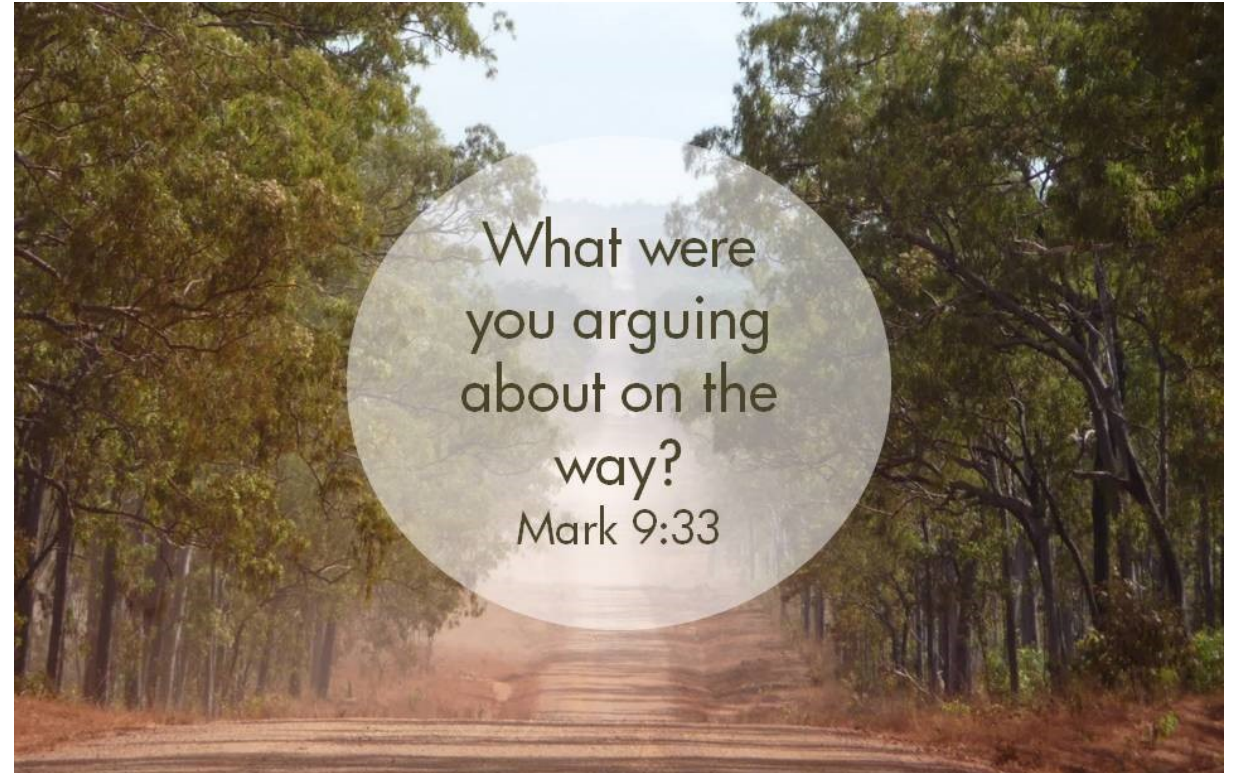
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You can also email our Office Manager
Cydne at office@fccb.net
and she'll pass your message on.

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What Are You Arguing About? September 19, 2021 #BiggerBalcony



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 19, 2021

10:00 am

#BiggerBalcony

What Are You Arguing About?

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Davi Weasley

RINGING THE BELL

UNISON PRAYER

Chrys Bemment

God, we gather again, in *this* place of welcome
And in these *many* places of welcome.
Teach us, in the midst of being apart,
What it means to be together.
Teach us how to welcome in our midst:
The shocking, the uncomfortable,
The loud, the unexpected.
You who welcome children in your midst
Teach us how to welcome the child within us,
And all of your beloved children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP:

- **Sundays, 10:00 am**—Worship on Facebook Live, our #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**
 - ◆ Happy Hour: **1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday**
 - ◆ Faith Formation for Children: **weekly, 6:00 pm**
 - ◆ Adult Forum: **weekly, 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday**
 - ◆ Evening Book Club, **6:30 pm weekly**
- **Friday**
 - ◆ Afternoon Coffee Group: **2nd & 4th Friday, at 1:00 pm**
 - ◆ Knitting Group, **Fridays, 10:00 am**
 - ◆ Spirit Group (Exploring Prayer), **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/>.*



MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Welcome Here”
By Rachael Weasley

Lucy Bledig

Sweet and ho - ly Friend, welcome here. All of who we are, welcome here!
Faith - ful lo - ving Guide, wel - come here. Wel - come he - re!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. 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.**

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-37
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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stacy Malone-Miller

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”
Lyrics Daniel Bechtel, Tune William Rowan

Lucy Bledig

SERMON

“What Are You Arguing About?” Rev. Deanna Wildermuth

As Executive Director of Interfaith Coalition, Rev. Deanna Wildermuth believes the care of the most vulnerable in our communities is a call of faith. She’s delighted to be part of a diverse group of volunteers, donors, staff, and communities of faith, who by working together can accomplish amazing things!

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Lay Me Low”
by Daniel Schwandt

Lucy Bledig

Lay me low, where Love can find me.
Lay me low, where Love can hold me.
Lay me low, where Love can bless me..
Lay me low, Love, lay me low.

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/mec/fccb).

BENEDICTION

Rev. Deanna Wildermuth

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

Let us know you’re here! Go to Worship Connect <http://tiny.cc/worshipconnect> to sign in.