

Shout Even Louder
October 24, 2021
#BiggerBalcony



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021

10:00 am

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PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheryll Blair

One Voice: The Word passes by and we cry out—have mercy, Jesus Christ!

**Many Voices: At the same time, we delight in dewdrops dangling
from a spider's perfect web.**

One Voice: We cry out for refugees and immigrants seeking safety
amidst chaos: Have mercy!

Many Voices: And we delight in a beloved toddler's first stumbling steps.

One Voice: We cry out for enslaved women and children,
hidden from our notice: Have mercy!

Many Voices: And we delight in a misty stroll in Whatcom Falls Park.

One Voice: We cry out for all the oppressed, impoverished, grieving, fearful:
Have mercy!

**Many Voices: And still we delight in our God
who has blessed and will continue to bless the world—
through us and others who cry out for mercy.**

One Voice: Come, one and all. This is how we worship!

**Many Voices: We come and honor the muddle of emotions,
seek wholeness and work for God's realm,
ask for blessing and give gratitude.
Let's worship with delight!**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Welcome Here"
By Rachael Weasley

Scott Ward

Musical notation for the song "Welcome Here" in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 - ere!"

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Diaconate Board

Gail Dunavan

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

John Green, Drum

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.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

John Green & Jen Green

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52
Common English Bible

Cheryll Blair

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Cheryll Blair

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

“Shout Even Louder”

Sharon Benton

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Simple Song”
by Leonard Bernstein

Scott Ward

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Cheryll Blair

*There are several options for giving: 1) Give at our website, <https://fccb.net/giving/>.
2) .Mail checks to First Congregational Church, 2401 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98225. 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).*

BENEDICTION

Sharon Benton

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEDGES OF FUNDING, PROMISES OF FAITH: As we prepare for the challenges of another year, please consider a financial pledge or promise to your faith community. Here is the link to our completely online pledge form: <https://forms.office.com/r/x66hcLu7aa>. Or download a paper copy on our Giving page: <https://www.fccb.net/giving/>

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**
- **Sunday**
 - ◆ Lectionary Bible Study at **11:15 am**

STAFF HOURS

Pastors: Davi & Sharon take Friday and Saturday as Sabbath days

Faith Formation: Ted & Susan are in T & W, 10-2

Accountant:: Erin is in T, 9-5; W, 1-5; Th, 9-noon

Office Manager: Cydne is in M-F, 9-5, except M, 12:30-5:30, W, 11:00-5:30.

Custodian: Kurt is in 8-4

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

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

INTERIM MINISTERS OF FAITH FORMATION:

Ted & Susan Huffman

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lucy Bledig

ORGANIST: Judy Widrig

WORSHIP MEDIA COORDINATOR:

Skyler Spain

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