

**A Big Job**  
**October 3, 2021**  
**#BiggerBalcony**



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 3, 2021

10:00 am

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**PRELUDE**

Judy Widrig

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sharon Benton

**RINGING THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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David Fayram

When we look up at the night sky  
and see the breath-taking work of  
your hands,  
we wonder – *who are we that you should  
care so much for us?*

When we feel small and inadequate,  
powerless and easily swayed,  
when we wish we could be heroes,  
yet find ourselves adrift in a sea of  
straying,  
we wonder once again - *who are we that  
you should care so much for us?*

When we find ourselves in a land of  
giants,  
when others seem to ignore us,  
or disregard us, or let us down,  
when we fail to make the kind of  
impact we long for,  
we wonder once again - *who are we that  
you should care so much for us?*

When we hear again that ancient story,  
truth and love pinned on a darkened  
skyline,  
a kind, courageous man held before us  
with three nails,  
and we wonder why he would go so  
far for us,  
we ask once again - *who are we that you  
should care so much for us?*

We wonder again about that love,  
a love so far beyond our  
understanding,  
bigger than our frequent mistakes and  
our little minds,  
small enough to reach into every  
crevice of our lives,  
and we wonder once again - *who are we  
that you should care so much for us?*

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**"Welcome Here"**  
By Rachael Weasley

Lucy Bledig

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, wel - come here. All of who we are, wel - come here! Faith - ful lo - ving Guide, wel - come here. Wel - come he - re!"

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Mission & Justice Board's Mark Gale &  
John Mark Slagle

**MUSICAL MEDITATION "O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face"**

Janet Malley &  
Erin Jensen

**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**

Psalm 8  
Common English Bible

David Fayram

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

David Fayram

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**

“A Big Job”

Sharon Benton

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

Judy Widrig

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

Neighbors In Need

Kate Eifrig & Tim Shepherd

*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).*

*If you are giving to Neighbors in Need, please add NIN in the memo.*

**HYMN**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Ensemble

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*Gather something to eat and drink;  
the risen Christ will meet us wherever we are.*

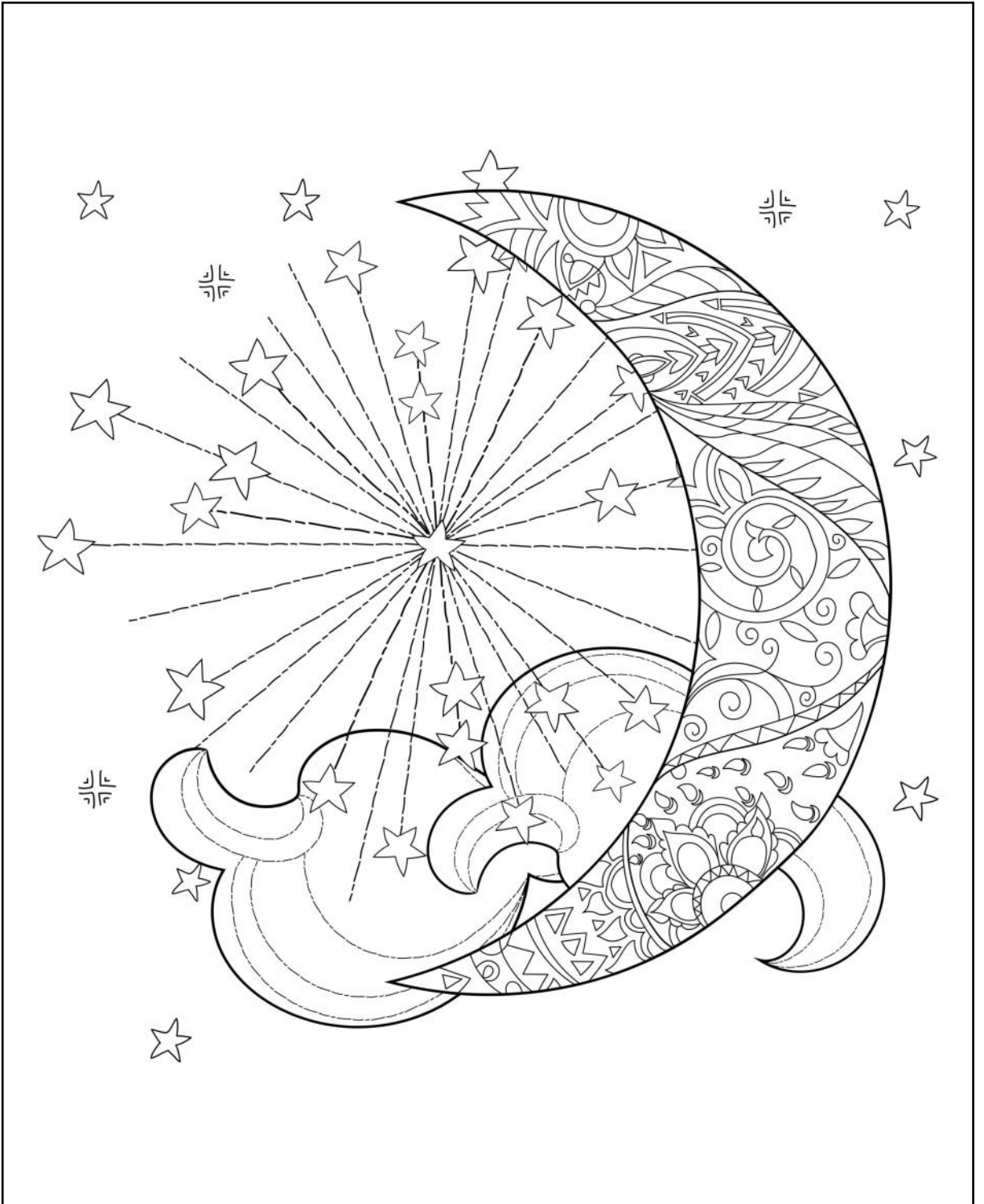
**BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

**POSTLUDE**

Judy Widrig

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ELECTION INFORMATION:** Your Mission & Justice Board wants to let you know about election forums coming from the League of Women Voters. For information, see <https://www.lwvbellinghamwhatcom.org/2021-general-election-forums>.

### 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](mailto: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**

### 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/>.*

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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](mailto:sharon@fccb.net)

Davi: [davi@fccb.net](mailto:davi@fccb.net)

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at [office@fccb.net](mailto:office@fccb.net) and she'll pass your message on.

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*Office Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm*

**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**

**NURSERY ATTENDANT: Lisa Harbine**

**ACCOUNTANT: Erin Kennedy**

**OFFICE MANAGER: Cydne Cochran**

**CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE: Kurt Aagard**

**FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:**

**Alanna Steele**

**HEALTH MINISTER: Carol Nicolay**

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**VICE MODERATOR: Beth Tyne**

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**HISTORIAN: Stacy Miller**

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